



# Herald Union



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## News flash

### Cars damaged during shipping

More than 160 service members who had their personal vehicles damaged by spilled diesel fuel in an English Channel storm during transport Nov. 5 will be compensated for their losses. Owners will receive the full U.S. Blue Book value of their vehicles, said Bill Antonelli, vice president of American Auto Logistics, Inc. Service members were to be contacted directly or they can call Richard Holland-Moritz or Evelyn Dullaghan of Transcar GmbH at civ (06107) 944 117 for more information. (*Army News Service*)

### Guidance on storage of private firearms

As announced in December U.S. forces personnel in Germany must register their U.S. Army Europe-registered privately owned weapons under the German registration system. Information on registration procedures is available at local Rod and Gun Clubs. Weapons owners who don't wish to dispose of them or export them out of Germany have the option to store them in an approved manner. Rod and Gun Clubs and military units can provide arms room storage of USAREUR-registered firearms depending on space availability. Weapons owners who do not want to use an arms room can store them in their residence only if they ensure weapons are properly secured under lock and key with ammunition stored separately. No movement of the weapon outside the residence is permitted unless the owner registers through the German system or transports the weapon back to the United States. (*104th ASG Public Affairs*)

### Army W-2s to be sent in January

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service plans to mail all calendar year 2000 Army W-2s by mid-January. Some year-end adjustments will not be included in the original W-2 but will be included in a corrected W-2 (Form W-2C). Soldiers should not use their final Leave and Earning Statement to file taxes. For information contact your servicing finance office or call the DFAS-Indianapolis Military Pay customer service hotline at mil 699-2800. (*ARNEWS*)

### Equal Employment Opportunity Office moves

The 104th Area Support Group's Equal Employment Opportunity Office has moved to a new location — Building 1106 (second floor) on Hanau's Hutier Kaserne. Telephone numbers remain the same — mil 322-8834 for the EEO specialist, mil 322-8061 for the EEO officer and mil 322-8288 fax.

### Officers invited to learn more about Germany

Officers and equivalent-grade U.S. civilians are invited to learn more about their host nation by attending one of the upcoming Haus Rissen seminars in Hamburg (Jan. 28 to Feb. 2 or Feb. 4-9) or bilateral/trilateral seminars in Berlin/Strausberg (Feb. 19-23 or March 19-23). For more information call Michael Beldermann at the U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs Office at mil 370-8725. (*USAREUR Public Affairs*)



Photo by Alexandra Williams

### Happy to be home from Kosovo

1st Lt. Matthew Cuvillo finds that his 1-year-old son Carson is not quite ready to greet Daddy with open arms during a reunion reception for 1-37th Armor soldiers. His wife, Amy, on the other hand, is all smiles as she embraces her spouse — back from a six-month deployment as part of Task Force Falcon in Kosovo. See pages 12 and 13 for an inside look at the many homecomings held in Friedberg, Giessen and Hanau last month.

## Obtain passports at local offices

All personnel assigned to the U.S. European Command who need passports are to process passport applications through the Passport Office on their installation instead of going directly to a U.S. Consulate, officials said.

The Passport Office is usually co-located with an installation's ID

Card Office and assists with applications for no-fee and tourist passports, official passports, amendments and reports of birth. It provides valuable screening of documents and lessens the administrative workload of the consulate, said Capt. Gregory N. Ash Jr., chief of Personnel Services Division, 1st

Personnel Command.

A passport acceptance agent at each Passport Office works with individual customers. They administer oaths, help fill out forms and ensure that application packets are complete. Completed application packets are sent to the servicing

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## Force protection: everyone's responsibility

As Americans, we stick out in Europe by our speech and mannerisms. Wearing clothing with U.S. logos, flags, unit emblems and other characteristic symbols makes us even more visible to those who might wish to do us harm.

The key is to blend in as much as possible with the local population, said security experts for the 104th Area Support Group. What you wear can affect perceptions about you.

Particularly when traveling make it a point to blend in with the local populace as much as possible.

Consider renting a car or going by train rather than driving your U.S. Army Europe-plated vehicle. American cars as well as U.S. forces license plates are hot items in many countries.

Additionally, safeguard your passport, cash and credit cards. Large purses with big handles and

wallets in hip pockets are invitations to thieves no matter where you are.

Groups should be wary of posting banners or placards on tour buses advertising the name of their group, where they are from or other identifying information.

See pages 3 and 10 of this issue for a more detailed look at ways to beef up your personal force protection.

## Inside

### Reader feedback

"I hope Colin Powell does a very good job as secretary of state because it'll eventually affect all of us," said Sgt. 1st Class Marilyn Hahn about her hopes for the new year. See page 2 for more reader feedback.



### Groundhog Job Shadow Day

Local youths will get an introduction to the working world Feb. 2. See page 2.



### Raw talent

Performers turn out in force at 16th CSG's holiday showcase. See page 22.





# Commentary

## Feedback: What are your hopes for the new year?



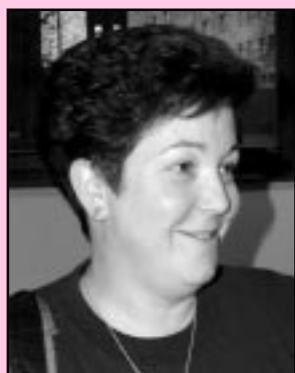
**Vicki Partin**  
**Bad Nauheim Elementary School teacher**

"Of course, good health. To continue to see lots of exciting places and continue to have undreamed of opportunities."



**Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jeffrey Hoogheem**  
**Company A, 2-501st Aviation Regiment**

"We hope to be together more as a family. I guess it's pretty simple. We hope to do some traveling before we PCS next year."



**Betty Davidson**  
**Bad Nauheim Housing mayor**

"Just to have my husband home safe. And, professionally, to have a better community for our children."



**Capt. Julie Gallagher**  
**Company A, 2-501st Aviation Regiment**

"We have just come out of this deployment as a highly trained unit. We've never been better trained than we are now. I just hope we can stay at the same level in the new year."



**Nancy Hammack**  
**Bad Nauheim Elementary School principal**

"I'd like to see some money come into this building for furnishings. We haven't seen new furnishings for some time. ... Right behind world peace and prosperity for all."

## 'Remember, Celebrate, Act!'

**Commentary by Maj. Gen. George W. Casey Jr.**  
1st Armored Division commander

Each year in the month of January we take time out to commemorate the contributions to our great nation by the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Throughout Ironland we will celebrate and reflect on these efforts with the theme: "Remember, Celebrate, Act! A Day On Not A Day Off."

The theme challenges all of us to be vigilant. Dignity and respect is not just our motto but requires active participation everyday by each and everyone of us to ensure every individual is treated equally based upon his or her abilities and not on the color of his or her skin. In this we REMEMBER Dr. King's nonviolent campaign and the many injustices and violent deaths of so many who tried

to affect change, including Dr. King himself.

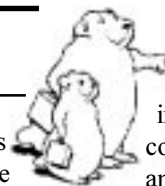
We also CELEBRATE our accomplishments in civil rights and the privilege to be the defenders of them. The United States has made great progress in the 30 plus years since Dr. King's death, but our work is not yet done. As we share this honor and commemorate our successes we recognize that not everyone in America has equal access to these benefits. Dr. King's dream is still a goal.

I challenge each member of this command, military and civilian, to take up the call to ACT! The success of the civil rights movement over the past 30 years is not a result of Dr. King's efforts alone. The success of the civil rights movement is the result of the contributions of thousands of ordinary Americans from every race, gender, origin and religion. Each and everyone of us can make a difference.

Iron soldiers — dignity and respect.

## Get involved — mentor a child

**By Col Daniel D. Imholte**  
104th Area Support Group commander



I encourage every commander, as well as all soldiers and employees in the 104th Area Support Group area of operations to participate this Feb. 2 in Groundhog Job Shadow Day. Groundhog Job Shadow Day is an initiative to engage students in the world of work.

The goal of National Groundhog Job Shadow Day is to provide 1 million young people with job shadowing experiences. This is an opportunity to mentor a young person and introduce him or her to the workplace, by being a "shadow" for part of the day.

Job Shadowing demonstrates the connection between academics and careers, exciting students to learn by making their class work more relevant. It builds community partnerships between schools and businesses that enhance the educational experience of all students. It also introduces students to the requirements of professions and industries to help them prepare to join the workforce of the 21st century. Additionally, Groundhog Job Shadow Day encourages an ongoing relationship between young people and caring adults.

Contact your base support battalion's school liaison officer or your local school before Feb. 2 to sponsor a student.

## Letter to the editor: We will never forget you

We would like to thank all members of the Wiesbaden community for helping us get through the most difficult time in our lives. From the moment we arrived in Frankfurt and were met there by Lt. Col. [Dennis D.] Doyle [421st Medical Evacuation Battalion commander] and his staff, until we left five days later we were treated like part of a wonderful family. Erich often spoke of the camaraderie with his extended family in Wiesbaden, but until we got there we never realized how strong a bond it really was. We would especially like to thank Lt. Col. Doyle, Maj. Raymo, Maj. Fulton, Capt. David, Bonilla and Dolan, 1st Lt. Amanda Eli, Sgt. Maj. Burke, Sgt. 1st Class Green, Staff Sgt. Hard and all of the officers and enlisted personnel of the 421st Medical Evacuation Battalion. You were all so kind. Also thanks to the Wiesbaden Community Spouses' Club, ACS, USO, the com-

missary staff, 557th Family Readiness Group, HHD, 421st Family Readiness Group, 159th Family Readiness Group, Hainerberg Chapel staff, Protestant Women of the Chapel, 3rd Corps Support Command, the American Arms staff, American Red Cross, 221st Base Support Battalion and the CSC Detachment. All of you helped make a very difficult time easier.

The memorial service you planned and executed in such a short period of time will never be forgotten. The reception afterward where we got to meet some of you and hear about some of the exploits of our son showed us how much he was respected and loved by the Wiesbaden community.

Thanks also to the soldiers who traveled from Italy, Bosnia, Korea, Macedonia and parts of Germany to attend the service.

Thank you all very, very much.

**Rudy and Angela Kern**

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# 221st BSB — Mainz, Wiesbaden

## Force Protection:

# A state of mind can help protect you and your family

By Cassandra Kardeke  
221st Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

Force protection. We hear about it all the time, but what exactly is it?

According to Jeff Bartlett, the 221st Base Support Battalion force protection officer, it is more of a state of mind than an action. "Force protection is more than just actions taken to prevent terrorist incidents. It is a state of mind that requires continual awareness of our vulnerabilities and what we can do to reduce our exposure," said Bartlett.

Problems of terrorism and force protection are much more complex than they were 20 years ago. Although terrorism itself is nothing new, the results of terrorist attacks are much more devastating. "The modern terrorists are determined operatives who have well-funded access to very sophisticated information and technology," Bartlett said.

The recent bombing of the USS Cole and past bombings such as Khobar Towers, the World Trade Center and Oklahoma City are proof that terrorism can strike anywhere and at anytime. Americans are particularly vulnerable to terrorist attacks, but through constant awareness and good security habits the vulnerability is greatly reduced, Bartlett said.

So who should practice force protection? Everyone — military personnel, civilians, family members and even children. Bartlett offered the following tips:

Always keep a low profile and make an effort to blend into the local environment.

Your dress, conduct and mannerisms should not attract attention.

Vary your route to and from work and the time you leave and return home.

Don't exercise at the same time and place



Photo by Jeff Bartlett

Soldiers from the 19th Corps Material Management Command conduct a random vehicle search during a force protection exercise at Mainz-Kastel Storage Station. Force protection exercises such as this one aid in protecting the Wiesbaden and Mainz communities.



each day, or on deserted streets or country roads.

Watch for anything suspicious or out of place.

Don't give personal information over the telephone.

Be alert to public works crews and other foreign nationals requesting access to your residence.

Instruct children to keep doors and windows locked, and never to admit strangers.

Teach children how to contact the police or a neighbor in an emergency.

These are just a few of the tips Bartlett speaks about during his force protection awareness class. The class is held every Monday from 1-3:30 p.m. at the Training Support Division at Wiesbaden Army Airfield. Although the class is mandatory for all incoming personnel, Bartlett also encouraged family members and civilians to attend.

"The potential for U.S. forces to be ex-

posed to terrorist activity is real. Following a few simple force protection measures can help to prevent terrorist acts," said Bartlett.

According to Bartlett, the BSB follows several different protective measures that are also very important to force protection. These measures include random vehicles searches conducted by the Pond's security guards and soldiers walking on patrol in the housing and shopping areas. Pond's guards are also at the Wiesbaden schools.

"With all these measures in place, the Wiesbaden and Mainz communities provide a hard target for any terrorist group to try and attack," said Bartlett.

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tinual awareness of  
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**— Jeff Bartlett,  
force protection officer**

Left: Soldiers apprehend a "protester" during one of many force protection exercises held throughout the Wiesbaden and Mainz communities.



## News briefs

### Town Hall Meeting

The next Community Town Hall will be at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 31 at the cafeteria in the Army Community Service building in Hainerberg. All residents are encouraged to attend.

### College registration

Term 3 college registration is being held until Jan. 12 at the Wiesbaden Education Center. Classes begin Jan. 15 and end March 9. All service members wishing to attend must have a tuition assistance form completed prior to enrollment.

### Scholarships offered

The Wiesbaden Community Spouses Club is now accepting applications for scholarships. All high school seniors and adult college students who are dependents of military or Department of Defense civilians are eligible. Last year the WCSC awarded 17 scholarships ranging from \$1,000-3,000. To receive an application call mil 337-5283 or e-mail [WCSCScholarships@aol.com](mailto:WCSCScholarships@aol.com). Specify whether you are a high school student or adult college student when applying. The deadline for submission of applications is Feb. 20.

### Household goods available

Waiting for your household goods to arrive? Army Community Service offers items such as cooking utensils, dishes, irons, pots and pans and more through their Lending Closet. For more information contact the Relocation Assistance Office at mil 337-5034 or civ (0611) 705-5034.

### Single soldiers wanted

If you are a single soldier — get involved. The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers group meets the first and third Thursday of each month in Building 1543 at Wiesbaden Army Airfield. This program offers a support network for soldiers to voice their opinions and seek problem resolution. They also offer fun trips and activities.

### Auto classes offered

The Mainz Auto Skills Shop is now offering a basic tuneup and maintenance class every Sunday from 2-3 p.m. For more information call mil 334-2460.



### Youth barbecue

Wiesbaden Youth Services will be having a free barbecue Jan. 12 from 3-5 p.m. for all Youth Services card holders. The feast will be held across from the Youth Services building in Hainerberg Housing.

### Fun in the sand

The Wiesbaden Super School Age Services staff have done it again. Have fun in the sand at the Super SAS beach party Jan. 19. This event will be held at the Army Community Service cafeteria from 7-9 p.m. for grades two to five. The fee is \$1.

There will also be a Valentine's Extravaganza Feb. 16 at the ACS cafeteria. Children in grades two to five can participate in cookie decorating, Valentine's art and games from 7-9 p.m. The fee is \$1.

### Skiing for kids

Calling all kids for a ski trip to Feldberg Jan. 13 with Outdoor Recreation. The cost is \$45 and includes round-trip transportation and ski rental. The bus departs ODR at 4:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 10 p.m. To sign up call the Wiesbaden ODR at mil 337-5760 or Youth Services at 337-6724/6726.



### Middle School dance

Wiesbaden Youth Services will host a middle school dance Jan. 19 from 8-11 p.m. at the YS building in Hainerberg Housing. The cost is \$2 for members and \$5 for non-members. Snacks and refreshments will be available.

### Youth bowling

Bowl your way to a strike Jan. 26 with Youth Services. Transportation is free to all YS members; however, money will be needed for the cost of the games. Buses will depart the YS building at noon and return at 4 p.m. Call mil 337-6724/6726 to sign up.

### Lock-in for HS students

Wiesbaden Youth Services will hold a lock-in for all high school students Jan. 27 from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Jan. 28. A midnight snack and breakfast along with movies, music, pool and basketball are included. The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Call mil 337-6724/6726 for more information or to sign up.



### Child care provider classes

A family child care class will be taught Jan. 22-26. The class is free to anyone interested in becoming a child care provider.

Being a certified child care provider can be a rewarding experience — and the job can move with you wherever you may go.

For more information or to register for the class call mil 338-7729 or civ (0611) 380-7729.

### Make new friends with Kontakt

Help build new friendships and join the Kontakt Club.

This German-American friendship club meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Restaurant Scheidgen in Wiesbaden-Erbenheim.

Kontakt has all sorts of fun things and trips planned for the year 2001. This includes a "Game Night" which will be held the last Wednesday of every month.

Enjoy German cuisine as Kontakt visits different area restaurants. This month it will be Hessenstube on Jan. 12. Anyone interested in joining can meet at the Hainerberg Shopping Center at 7 p.m. or take Bus No. 11, 5, 10 or 12 to the Berliner Strasse stop.

Join Kontakt and bring the family for a day of sleigh riding Jan. 21. In the event that there isn't enough snow, the trip will be to the Henkel Skating Rink on Dotzheimer Strasse.



For more information call mil 337-5142, civ (0611) 705-5142 or (0611) 70-1798.

### Bank closure

The community banks at Hainerberg Shopping Center and Anderson Barracks in Dexheim will be open from 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 17 due to quarterly associate training. The community bank at McCully Barracks will also be closed the entire day. The community bank at Wiesbaden Army Airfield will remain open for regular hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Automatic Teller Machines are available for customers at various locations throughout WAAF, Mainz-Kastel, Amelia Earhart and American Arms.

### Dance the night away

Put on your dancing shoes and come to the Kastel Club in Mainz-Kastel every Friday and Saturday night from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday night it's country night, and from noon until 3 a.m. Saturday night you can enjoy R&B, soul and hip hop all night long with no cover charge.

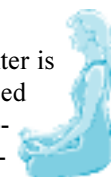
For more information call mil 334-2903 or civ (0613) 460-4903.

### ADHD Support Group

A support group for parents with children suffering from attention deficit hyperactivity disorder meets at 6:30 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month in Room 72 at the Wiesbaden Middle School. For more information, call mil 337-6251.

### Sports and fitness

The Tony Bass Fitness Center is currently looking for a licensed massage therapist, certified aerobics instructors and certified personal trainers. Anyone interested in applying for these positions should call Tracy Chenault-Shank, fitness coordinator at mil 337-5943/5379 or civ (0611) 705-5943/5379.



Basic kickboxing and aerobics classes will be held once a month on a trial basis based upon participation. Check on the aerobics schedule for dates and times.

Spinning classes will soon be available at TBF. Join the latest craze in group cycling. Designed to increase cardiovascular endurance and maximize caloric burning, this class is \$5 per class or \$50 for 12 classes.

Beginning Feb. 1 Iyengar Yoga with Pierre Drumeaux will be offered at McCully Gym. Classes will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and cost \$8 per class or 4 classes for \$25. Yoga classes are also offered at TBF every Monday from 6:45-7:45 p.m.

A Sweetheart Racquetball Tournament will be held at TBF Feb. 3-4. Open to both men and women, registration is \$15 single and \$25 for two divisions. Deadline to register is Jan. 31.

The Tony Bass Fitness Center will host its third annual Invitational Indoor Soccer Tournament Feb. 3 with the first game played at the McCully Barracks gym. Teams must have eight players. Registration deadline is Jan. 31.

Real Sports at Mainz-Kastel and TBF will co-host an Aerobathon Feb. 24. Registration fee is \$10 per person, and all participants will receive free prizes and a 10 percent discount on aerobics wear and shoes at Real Sports.

To register for any tournament or for more information on activities at TBF call mil 337-5943/5379 or civ (0611) 705-5943/5379.

### Substitute teachers needed

The Wiesbaden Middle School is in need of substitute teachers. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree. Call mil 337-6251 for more information.

### Change to beret

Due to the Army's transition to the beret, all units supported by the 221st Base Support Battalion Central Issue Facility must schedule a records reconciliation and provide hat sizes and DEROS of each assigned soldier. For more information contact the CIF at mil 337-5653.

Retention hall of famer

Taking care of soldiers is what he does best

By Spc. Amanda Thornton  
3rd Corps Support Command Public Affairs Office

“My daddy has a lot of stripes on his uniform, wears shiny boots and takes care of soldiers,” said Sarah-Gail Yedinak when asked what her father does for a living.

Master Sgt. Charles G. Yedinak has a long list of responsibilities as the senior career counselor for 3rd Corps Support Command, but has to agree with his daughter, “taking care of soldiers is my number one duty.”

His many successes over the 21 years he has spent in recruiting and retention have recently earned him a place in the Retention Hall of Fame.

The Retention Hall of Fame was established in the early 90s and is located in the Pentagon. The hall of fame serves as a place to recognize noncommissioned officers who have made significant contributions to the career field.

Since October 1979 Yedinak has served as a field recruiter, station commander and has earned the Gold U.S. Army Recruiter Badge. In the retention field he has served from battalion level and up with over 14 years experience at brigade level or higher.

Originally Yedinak entered recruiting to work closer with civilians. Unsure about whether to continue in the Army he thought, “What better way to learn about the civilian



community than to go out there: live and work.” Ultimately, the time he spent as a recruiter helped him to decide that he wanted the Army to become a career for him.

By 1984 Yedinak decided he missed being more involved with the Army community and decided to enter retention. He graduated from the retention NCO course and went to Fort Irwin, Calif., home of the National Training Center.

As retention NCO he has served throughout the United States, Europe, Southwest Asia, Saudi Arabia and Croatia.

“Seeing the smile on a soldier’s face saying, ‘Hey. Thanks for giving me what I want,’ is the most rewarding part of my job,” said Yedinak.

He also takes time to help soldiers prepare for college and outside employment after the Army, and is always trying to help them make well- thought-out decisions.

Since Yedinak was nominated to join the hall of fame by his peers, his place there is even more special to him. “I like to think I’ve done some good things throughout my career and am being recognized (by my peers)



Photo by Ellen Hart

Recently inducted to the Retention Hall of Fame, Master Sgt. Yedinak has served over 21 years in recruiting and retention.

for all of the effort I’ve given towards taking care of soldiers,” he said.

As retirement nears Yedinak said he feels his most important role is being a mentor for his subordinate career counselors. “My time is done, and I would like to think that I have given to the field, that my subordinates have learned something from me,” he said.

**“I like to think I’ve done some good things throughout my career and am being recognized (by my peers) for all of the effort I’ve given toward taking care of soldiers.”**  
— Master Sgt. Charles G. Yedinak

Upcoming tours with the USO

Got the winter blues? Join the United Services Organization on one of several tours planned for the month of January.

Spend a fascinating day at the largest auto and technical museum in Europe Jan. 11.

Explore London Jan. 13 and see the sights such as the Tower of London, the Crown jewels, Picadilly Circus, Buckingham Palace and much more.

If shopping is your thing, how about joining the USO on a tour to the Centro Mall Jan. 15.

Take a trip to Frankfurt and visit the Senkenburg Museum Jan. 20. Dinosaur displays are a delight for both young and old.

See Paris for yourself and enjoy the “City of Lights” on Jan. 20.

For more information on these and other tours contact the USO at mil 337-6249, civ (0611) 731-301, mil 337-5591 or civ (0611) 721-010.

## Baumholder High School: rock of stability in sea of changes

Providing a haven for students in a high turnover environment

By David Ruderman  
Staff writer

**B**aumholder American High School not only educates young people, said principal Dominick Calabria, it affords them a dependable center of stability in a world full of change and separation.

"Military kids have particular pressures to deal with — moving about can be stressful," he said. "The difficulty is to make connections and get some stability in their lives. That's the importance of a school. ... Here we're the only game in town." Calabria said he was proud of BAHS's role in making a stable center available to the children of service members.

BAHS has about 420 students enrolled in the seventh through 12th grades. The teaching staff, including aides, comes to about 45. Calabria said the school is about 75 students over figures projected last year. "It has not been a major problem. It's been a little stressful because we've had a relatively large number of seventh- and eighth-graders coming in," he reported. Even with minor growing pains "it's just the right size. We can still offer individualized attention better than really big schools," Calabria said.

### Test scores tell part of story

Student performance as measured in standardized tests has been steady despite a high turnover rate and the disruptions in family life caused by deployments to the Balkans. "We're up a little bit. Overall the improvement is there," said Calabria. "It's kind of difficult in our schools because there's such a high turnover." He estimated the annual student population turnover at around 60 percent.

He said the Kosovo deployment has also had an effect on students this year as well. "The anxiety level went up in November. Now we're in a honeymoon period. But we expect

### School focus



Photo by Peggy Hoffman-Schmidt

**Baumholder American High School students work on their writing skills ahead of standardized testing.**

a little backlash in January, after the winter recess and the holidays," he said. Calabria said the school has mobilized its resources to deal with the situation. "One thing we've tried to focus on is after school programs to help students cope," he said. There is a noontime deployment group that meets to allow students a chance to express themselves, and afterschool tutoring and a lunchtime tutoring group which is "growing by leaps and bounds," said Calabria.

He said the school has been pleasantly surprised by the high numbers of students who have stayed on and not returned to the States to sit out the deployment. He said it's a positive reflection on the stabilizing effect BAHS has in the life of its students and their families, and the quality of educational experience the school provides. "We've got a

safe environment. We've had only four or five fights during the year. We don't have to worry about metal detectors," said Calabria.

He said BAHS is also big on trips and special programs. A big field trip to London is planned for February; language and arts students are scheduled to travel to Paris; and band and chorus members are scheduled to travel to London in February as well. He said the school organizes a major field trip to Verdun each year, and students often travel to Trier, the oldest city in Germany, since it's so close by.

### Tutoring plays important role

"The other thing here is we try to provide enough activities to keep students engaged," he said. He pointed to tutoring, which has taken off in a big way at BAHS this year, as an example. There are about 40 students, mostly seniors and juniors, involved in tutoring seventh- and eighth-graders. "We find more pluses to that than we do to the actual mentoring program because they're right here in the school," said Calabria. "We don't have to worry about clearances and things like that." He said the tutoring program also involves more female students in the role of mentor.

Calabria praised students for their school spirit. "It's pretty positive. The facility we have here is certainly the best in the Kaiserslautern District, maybe one of the best in DoDDS-Europe." He said the school can boast a small college-level library, a free-standing theater for the dramatic arts and a gymnasium which was refurbished about three years ago. He said BAHS also benefits from good support from the command and the school liaison officers. "There's a good sense of pride from being part of the school," he said.

Calabria noted that a reunion of former graduates scheduled for April at the Rhinelander is proof of the enduring impact BAHS has on its students. Over 2,000 alumni are already planning to attend. "Baumholder sometimes gets a bad rap ... that it's somehow a tough, hard environment and that's really not the case at all. It shows by our scores and it shows by our graduates," he said.

### School bits

#### Report cards coming soon

The second quarter will end Jan. 25, and there will be no school for students Jan. 26 when teachers finalize grades for report cards. Third quarter classes resume Jan. 29 and run through April 5. Parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled for April 16-20.

#### Young authors hit deadlines

Submissions to this year's Young Authors Celebration are coming in to schools around the 104th Area Support Group. Selected manuscripts, written and illustrated by participating students, will be submitted to the Hessen and Kaiserslautern districts in mid-March for further consideration.

#### FAFSA applications online

High school seniors can find Free Application for Federal Student Aid information and forms online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The site provides information on scholarships, loans, work-study and other kinds of financial assistance as well as the electronic forms with which to apply. Students submitting paper applications can find all the necessary school codes.



#### National Geography Bee

School representatives to the National Geography Bee must have their written tests in the mail by Jan. 16 and received by Jan. 31 to compete in the next level of the annual contest. Top finishers in each state and territory, including DoDDS, will be eligible to compete in the next round in April. The national finals will be held May 22-23.

#### Medication reminder

DoDDS regulations require a Medication Permission Form be completed and on file for all medications to be administered by school nurses. Forms must be signed by both the student's parent and doctor, and are required even for over-the-counter medications such as acetaminophen and aspirin. Parents should contact their school nurse for details.

#### Multi-talented students targeted

The Department of Defense Dependents Schools are in the initial stages of designing a program for multi-gifted students that will provide services to meet individualized needs. The program will be introduced in the 2001-2002 school year. (Courtesy of Rosalind Rutledge, Smith Elementary School)

#### Better things to do

Smith Elementary School students took part in an essay and poster contest last year on the topic "I've Got Better Things to Do than Drugs." Winners were Rachel O'Neill,

Joshua Bolvin, Jeffrey Bates, Nickie Sanders, Devan Beaird, Sara Lair, David Detz, Bethanie French, Lori Curbo, Amanda Dixon and Tyneshia Jefferson.

#### Running for Senate

General H.H. Arnold High School senior Nigel Campbell will be an alternate DoDDS representative to the 39th annual U.S. Senate Youth Program which will be held March 3-10 in Washington, D.C.

#### They've got what's what

David Craig and Alan Tatum of Bad Kreuznach High School have been selected for entry in "Who's Who in American Teachers." The honor is based on nominations by current and former students. (Courtesy of Kaiserslautern District Superintendent's Office)

#### Sounds of the season

The 1st Armored Division Band under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Fred Catchings shared the musical sounds of the season in a special holiday concert Nov. 29 at the Wagon Wheel Theater in Baumholder. More than 600 students, parents and staff members of Smith and Neubrücke Elementary School enjoyed the performance of holiday music which included traditional Christmas carols and holiday songs for children. (Courtesy of Rosalind Alice Rutledge, Smith Elementary School)

## Saluting Partners in Education

### Jennifer Brierly Hainerberg Elementary School volunteer

Sometimes one person can make a world of difference. At Hainerberg Elementary School, Jennifer Brierly is one of those people.

"She's a real dynamo, handles lots of things herself, and seems untiring and always cheerful," said Lambert J. Kroon, HES's assistant principal.

"I always liked being involved in the school. You get to know the teachers and the other children in your kids' classes, especially in the military community where we're so transient," said Brierly. "In this day of budget cuts, volunteering is so important."

Brierly and her husband, Maj. Gregory T. Brierly, moved to the Wiesbaden community in March 1999. There was a vacancy for the job of Parent Teacher Organization president, and Brierly jumped right in. They have a son, Christopher, in kindergarten and a daughter, Sarah, in fourth grade at the school.

"She's very child-centered and she's involved in everything. ... She's got endless energy," said Julie Gaski, Hainerberg principal.



# News and features

## Passports . . . . .

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U.S. consulate or embassy via military courier or registered mail. Once issued, passports are returned to the installation Passport Office which notifies the customer they are ready for pickup.

"This close cooperation between the military passport agents and our personnel makes this an effective partnership which benefits us all," said Kathleen M. Cayer, chief of Frankfurt's Consular Section. "It enables us to offer the most efficient service for routine processing of over 14,000 passports and 6,000 reports of birth to military ID card holders annually. It allows us to respond quickly to emergencies as well," she said.

Using the military courier system enhances consulate security, minimizes customer travel time and streamlines processing of actions, she said. Routine and emergency passport processing can be properly prioritized since all military applications are streamlined through one system. As a result, all applications benefit from a faster turnaround.

The system still provides flexibility for those military ID card holders with true emergencies, said Cayer. Such individuals can receive a special control number through their installation Passport Office to receive expedited, walk-in service at the consulate. There are 35 pass-

port acceptance agents working at installations across Germany, according to officials. On average military courier system customers receive their issued passports two to three weeks after submitting their applications to Passport Office agents on post. Official passport applications take an average of four weeks. Officials pointed out that during the peak summer season turnaround times rise to four to six weeks. Applicants with special needs can call their installation Passport Office agent to arrange for expedited processing with the consulate.

Required documents and fees vary depending on the type of passport customers need. Officials recommended customers call ahead to find out what documents they need to bring with them to apply. "If they call first and explain their situation, we can tell them what to bring with them when they come in. Then they should have everything they need, and we can process the application during their first visit," said Sylvester Murphy of Detachment B, 510th Personnel Services Battalion, in Heidelberg.

Passport Office contact numbers are: Baumholder, mil 485-6167; Bad Kreuznach, mil 490-6338/6195; Friedberg, mil 324-3600; Hanau, mil 322-8415/8793; and Wiesbaden, mil 337-6231. (Courtesy of USAREUR Public Affairs)

## Saluting those who serve

### Bob Straus, chief of the Hanau Network Service Center

If you rely on electronic networks to do your job or stay connected with the world, Bob Straus is working hard to speed up your environment.

"He's real sharp," said Michael Boyer, assistant S-3 for the 102nd Signal Battalion. "He does a lot of stuff for the ASG, always looking to the future. He isn't sitting on his laurels. It's an intuitive type thing for him."

Straus runs a shop of about 40 people which oversees information management and strategic planning for the ASG. His main focus lately has been communication networking in the Hanau area, according to Maj. David O'Neal, executive officer with 102nd Signal. "There's a lot of stuff going on now, laying fiber

optic cable all over the place," said O'Neal. Straus and his colleagues are readying the Hanau area networks for the global information grid, he said.

"We're doing the number things. The key is connecting fiber optic tie cables between Pioneer Kaserne and the eight installations in the Hanau area," explained Straus. "It's coordinating everything. ... It affects almost every unit in the Hanau area. It's a lot of multiple projects. Once cable is in, it opens a whole lot of doors," he said.

Data that now flows at a rate of 57 kilobytes per second will travel at a dazzling gigabyte per second once the projects are completed. The first gigabyte circuit was installed Jan. 5. "That's going to help out the ID card section, personnel finance," said Straus. Key parts of

**Thanks from  
the ASG family**

the system should be in service by May, he said.

"We're trying to focus on moving data within the Hanau area faster," said Straus. "If you're accessing local servers and networks, you'll see a big difference. It'll speed up service and free up bandwidth," he said.

Straus is also involved in upgrading the area telephone network.

"We've been selected as a test bed for some new equipment that's never been seen in Europe," he said, referring to a system known as Light Span. "By adding in these multiplexes we'll increase the number of telephones on each location by 100. They're expandable to beyond any limits we'd ever need."



## AFRC Chiemsee offers group package

The Armed Forces Recreation Center at Chiemsee features a Week-day Getaway Group Program Sundays to Wednesdays or Wednesdays to Saturdays.

At a cost of \$199 (per person,

double occupancy) participants get two days of recreational activities, three overnights, three dinners, three breakfasts and transportation.

A minimum of 40 people is required to sign up to be eligible for

the free bus transportation.

Call mil 440-2850 or email [vacation@afrc.garmisch.army.mil](mailto:vacation@afrc.garmisch.army.mil) to make reservations or find out more about this and other AFRC recreation programs.



Sato Travel now offers a variety of reservation services online at [www.satotravel.com/usareur](http://www.satotravel.com/usareur). Customers can find everything needed to plan official or leisure travel including information on emergency leave travel, TDY entitlements, travel insurance, various travel links and tips.

Reservation forms are also available in two formats. Online forms can be filled out and submitted electronically; customer confirmation is made by email. Downloaded forms can be printed, filled out and submitted to local Sato Travel offices.

Reservation forms can still be faxed directly to Sato Travel's European Reservation Center at mil 236-8417 or civ (00-44) 12870/8417.

Reservations may also be made by telephone by calling mil 236-8418 or civ (0800) 100 7102. The Reservation Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For additional information contact your local Sato Travel office or the Reservation Center at mil 236-8418.



## Pilot WIC program delivers nutritional support

As announced earlier, the Women, Infant, and Children program is coming to Baumholder. Baumholder was one of two pilot sites selected for the early implementation and testing of the WIC overseas initiative.

The target start date for the Baumholder pilot program is Feb. 7. The rest of Europe will start their WIC programs later in the year using the lessons learned from the pilot sites. The Baumholder pilot site will demonstrate how the program will work in Europe and will be restricted to those families living in the 09034 and 09262 APO zip codes.

WIC is targeted to a unique population who must meet specific eligibility criteria: categorical, financial, residential and nutritional. The categories include women who are pregnant, breast-feeding (up to one year) or postpartum (up to six months); infants up to the age of one year; and children from the first birthday to the fifth birthday.

The WIC income eligibility guidelines (see chart) will be used to determine financial eligibility. Financial eligibility will be verified by reviewing leave and earning statements and pay stubs (spouse income, moonlighting, etc.). Some military income, however, is excluded. Pilot site participants must

be on orders to Baumholder AOR.

Once a person meets the criteria, a WIC expert will decide if there is a nutritional risk by taking a medical history, doing physical assessment (height, weight and blood work), and reviewing a 24-hour diet recall.

Applicants determined to be eligible for the WIC program will receive nutritional counseling and vouchers for food packages. Foods included in the WIC program are

targeted at specific nutrients such as protein, vitamins C and A, iron and niacin.

Vouchers will be provided for three months at a time and may be redeemed only at the commissary. All commissaries in the Baumholder area will be stocked and ready for the WIC participants.

Nutritional counseling is intended to teach WIC participants about the connection between nu-

trition and health, and to assist participants in making positive changes in their diets. This nutritional program is free to the participant.

For more information come to the WIC community briefings at the Wagon Wheel Theater, to be held Jan. 29 through Feb. 2 from 9-10 a.m. and 6-7 p.m. daily.

To be screened for WIC, the following items are required:

Proof of identity: ID card, copy of birth certificate (for children less than five years old)

Proof of residency: Copy of assignment orders or mail with APO address with postal codes 09034 or 09262.


Proof of income: Leave and earning statement, current within two months, pay stub, W-2 form (current within three months), statement from person that provides you money (FCC), signed statement from employer.

A contract has been awarded to Choctaw Management Services Enterprise to operate the WIC program for the government overseas.

The WIC office will be located on the first floor in Building 8746 and will be open for walk in appointments after March 1. Currently the Baumholder WIC office is not open and cannot receive phone calls or visits. The WIC office will not be staffed or have operational phones until Feb. 5.

More information and updates will be provided in upcoming issues of the *Herald Union* and in flyers.

Those interested in possible employment in the WIC office may contact Choctaw Management Services Enterprise online at [www.cmse.net](http://www.cmse.net).

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|   |  |  |  | <small>WIC Program Overview</small>   |                 |                |
|   |  |  |  | <b>WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines</b>  |                 |                |
|   |  |  |  | <small>(Effective from July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001)</small>   |                 |                |
|   |  |  |  | <small>48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories</small>   |                 |                |
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|   |  |  |  | <b>Family of 1</b>  | <b>\$15,448</b> | <b>\$1,288</b> |
|   |  |  |  | <b>Family of 2</b>  | <b>\$20,813</b> | <b>\$1,735</b> |
|   |  |  |  | <b>Family of 3</b>  | <b>\$26,178</b> | <b>\$2,182</b> |
|   |  |  |  | <b>Family of 4</b>  | <b>\$31,543</b> | <b>\$2,629</b> |
|   |  |  |  | <b>Family of 5</b>  | <b>\$36,908</b> | <b>\$3,076</b> |
|   |  |  |  | <b>Family of 6</b>  | <b>\$42,273</b> | <b>\$3,523</b> |
|   |  |  |  | <b>Family of 7</b>  | <b>\$47,638</b> | <b>\$3,970</b> |
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|   |  |  |  | • To be eligible on the basis of income, applicants' gross income (i.e. before taxes are withheld) must fall at or below 185 percent of the U.S. Poverty Income Guidelines. |                 |                |
|   |  |  |  | • BAH (BAQ+VHA) is subtracted from the gross pay stated on the LES when determining eligibility for military personnel.   |                 |                |

## Customer service was focus

# Initiatives save millions

*"We worked first for customer satisfaction."*

Initiatives spearheaded by Jürgen Geibel and Yogendra Patel, employees at the 222nd Base Support Battalion's Directorate of Public Works, saved the U.S. Army \$2.5 million in energy costs in fiscal year 1999, according to a report by the U.S. Department of Energy.

The U.S. Department of Energy and the Federal Interagency Energy Policy Committee recently honored the two for their efforts in executing an effective energy conservation program that not only saved the U.S. Army millions of dollars but also improved customer satisfaction and facility operation conditions.

Geibel and Patel traveled to Washington to receive their award in a ceremony conducted by Bill Richardson, U.S. secretary of energy.

Reacting to winning the award, Patel said he was "surprised. We (said) we would participate because we thought we had been doing good work, but we didn't work for the

award. We worked first for customer satisfaction."

Working under financial constraints, Geibel and Patel were able to provide the same level of service as before, but at reduced costs. Through the use of engineering design know-how and in-house expertise, execution of the major tasks to improve heating systems resulted in a reduction of more than 90 percent of the steam load at a savings of nearly \$2.5 million.

"When I came I found out a lot of the systems had deteriorated or needed replacement," said Patel, who has worked for the 222nd BSB for five years. "So I identified all the problems, and we started making programs out of this and getting funds."

To make their plan work numerous heating, ventilation and air conditioning modernization programs were conducted. A total of 17 boilers in the oil fired plants were replaced. The systems were also optimized to reduce oil consump-

tion, increase efficiency and improve environmental standards.

The work was conducted "over the past four years ... and part of it is still ongoing," said Patel. To date 140 domestic hot water generators were replaced in family housing and military areas.

A major contribution toward energy conservation was achieved through a systematic temperature-regulating valve replacement program. The hot water heating systems in individual buildings were hydraulically balanced through installation of hydraulic regulating valves. Clogged or rusted galvanized piping was replaced in 27 buildings.

Part of the existing energy monitoring and control computer was modernized in the course of the barracks renovation program.

Although Patel was responsible for identifying deficiencies in the heating and water systems, "It was teamwork...a group effort...that made it happen," said Patel.

## Gore wins election at Wetzel

If it was up to the children at Wetzel School Age Service, Vice President Al Gore would be our next president. The children conducted their own presidential debate on election day and then voted for their favorite candidate. The debate was lead by Steve Shaulis and Justin Shepard representing vice president Al Gore, and Tammy Courtney and Rick Villareal representing Texas governor George Bush.

"The children were very responsive to the debate and asked many questions of the representatives about things that concerned them, such as education and the military," said Courtney. After a long debate

the children were given ballots and asked to vote their choice for president.

Careful monitoring and counting of the ballots by Kirsten Czajkowski and Sarah Froese came up with Gore squeaking to victory over Bush, 17 to 13. The ballot count was not contested so a recount was not necessary.

The children then celebrated their personal winner by having a post-election party and meal. "They are now anxious to learn who the next president will be and for the day when they will be able to vote in actual elections for future presidents of the United States of America," said Courtney.

## Story, tot time available for children

Army Community Service and the Baumholder Library are offering story hour for children Jan. 11. Story hours are 9:30-10:30 a.m. for children up to 18 months, and 10:30-11:30 a.m. for children up to school age. People who would like to be a guest reader may contact the ACS Outreach Program at mil

485-6252 to sign up.

Army Community Service Outreach and the New Parent Support Program invite everyone to "Tot Time." There will be interactive play time for children up to school age and their parents. Call ACS for more information at mil 485-8188 or civ (06783)6-8188.



## Records control needed

The Baumholder Health Clinic reminds all patients to return their medical records and have them properly stored at the clinic or battalion aid station.

Medical records are critical to effectively meeting patient health care needs. They must be available to schedule appointments, for clinical review and documentation of received care, record document prescriptions, laboratory tests and other diagnostic information.

Medical records are property of the U.S. government and must be maintained at the military treatment facility where patients receive primary care. The tracking systems in the military treatment facility help the clinic or aid station locate misplaced or lost records.

By allowing the military treatment facility to control records, they are able to improve the tracking and documentation process of the medical records. Lack of this control and tracking adversely affects patient medical care and the clinic's ability to support patient needs.



## La Leche League meets

Pregnant and nursing mothers who wish to learn more about the advantages and benefits of breastfeeding their babies can find encouragement and information at the monthly meetings of Baumholder's La Leche League. The group meets at noon the second Tuesday of every month in Neubrücke Housing. For information on what the group has to offer call civ (06782) 980109.

## Everyone's invited

The Baumholder Community Service Club is sponsoring a "Born in the USA" Luncheon Jan. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Rhinelander ball room. The theme for this month's luncheon is our diverse United States, and the BCSC will raffle off several state-theme baskets. Everyone in the community is invited to attend — women, men, soldiers, family members and all ranks are welcome at the BCSC.

Cost for the luncheon is \$10 or \$7.50 depending on menu choice. On-site child care can be reserved at \$2.50 per hour per Child Development Center registered child. Make reservations by Jan. 13. For more information, to RSVP for the luncheon and to reserve child care

## Post notes

space call Linda Delano at civ (06783) 187 607 or Martha Kelly at civ (06783) 186214.

Don't know much about the BCSC? Come to the luncheon and learn more about the only local fundraising club that raises more than \$10,000 each year to support the Baumholder community. With much of the post deployed, the BCSC also provides an opportunity to get out into the community, meet people and gain support. Membership in the BCSC is not necessary to attend the luncheon.

## Talk to your VA man

Are you curious about what Veterans benefits you're eligible for? Do you need assistance filing a claim? Have you considered a Veterans Affairs guaranteed home loan? A VA representative will be in Baumholder Jan. 23 at 9 a.m. to answer all these questions and more.

This briefing is open to the public and all members of the community are encouraged to attend. The VA representative will be available after the briefing to take individual appointments and answer specific questions. Call the Army Career Alumni Program center at mil 485-6741/6330 or civ (06783) 6-6741/6330 to schedule an appointment for the Jan. 23 VA briefing.

## ACAP open to spouses

Is your spouse planning to leave the Army? Any family member of a soldier scheduled to separate is eligible to receive services from the Army Career and Alumni Program. Family members do not need orders or their spouse to attend ACAP classes or to receive assistance from counselors.

If your spouse deployed you can still receive ACAP assistance in Baumholder. If your soldier is thinking about leaving the Army, come in to ACAP to find out what services the Army provides for your family (even if he's downrange), and then let the ACAP counselors help start your own career transition process.

ACAP offers job assistance workshops and professional counselors to help you think through the career transition process. ACAP will help you think through issues such as a civilian budget, searching the job market, writing a resume and preparing for interviews. Take advantage of this time now to begin planning for your future. Call to schedule an appointment at mil 485-6741/6330 or civ (06783) 6-6741/6330.

## Need a career change?

Are you scheduled to separate but haven't decided on re-enlist-

ment or separation? Let ACAP help you decide if separating from the Army is in your best interest or not by reviewing your Army and VA benefits, examining the current job market and assessing how the skills you developed in the Army may transfer into civilian life.

Schedule yourself to attend a pre-separation briefing and take advantage of ACAP's new computer system, which can help you evaluate the current job market and your interests, so you can make an informed decision about your future.

Call the ACAP Center with any questions on the Army transition process or ACAP services at mil 485-6741/6330 or civ (06783) 6-6741/6330.

## ACAP classes

Transitioning soldiers and their family members can take advantage of the following ACAP classes scheduled for January:

## VA briefing

ACAP sponsors a Veterans Affairs briefing Jan. 23 at 9 a.m. Call mil 485-6741/6330 or civ (06783) 6-6741/6330 to schedule an appointment.

## Mandatory briefing

ACAP pre-separation briefings are scheduled at 9 a.m., Monday through Friday.

## Job assistance

ACAP offers job assistance workshops every other Wednesday. The next one-day workshops will be Jan. 17 and 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call to schedule an appointment or drop by any afternoon to work with the new computer-based job assistance tools. For more information contact ACAP at mil 485-6741/6330 or civ (06783) 6-6741/6330.

## ACS at a glance

November marked the second quarter of the volunteer year. Shantell Badger, program manager for Army Family Team Building, mayor of Champion Village Housing Area and active participant of the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4-27th Field Artillery Family Readiness Group, was selected as the "Volunteer of the Quarter." Lt. Col. Eric Wagenaar, 222nd Base Support Battalion commander, presented Badger with her award at the community Links meeting.

## Angels in the ranks

The Baumholder Angel Awards were presented to Laura King for her volunteer service at Army Community Service Outreach Services; Andrea Evans for volunteer work at

the Baumholder Health Clinic; and Maria Lebron and Jonathon Kwarciany for their service to St. Michael's Parish.

## Stay informed

The International Spouses Club now meets the first and third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is Jan. 16 from 10 a.m. to noon in the ACS Lounge.

The next Newcomer's Coffee is Jan. 16 from 10-10:30 a.m. in the ACS Lounge.

## It's an Army life

Army Family Team Building invites everyone to participate in the following upcoming classes:

- Level I, Jan. 24, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Level II, Jan. 16-17, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Army Family Team Building is now offering night classes for Level II and III. Classes are Mondays from 6-7 p.m. with two modules each night. The following classes are scheduled for January:

**Jan. 15**

Communication  
Conflict Management

**Jan. 22**

Crisis and Coping  
Stress Management

**Jan. 29**

Adapting to Change  
Intermediate Problem Solving  
After completing each level of AFTB students receive a Certificate of Completion.

Child care for day classes is paid by AFTB. Classes are limited to 15 students per class. Call mil 485-8542/8188 to make reservations.

## Get familiar with NOW

Baumholder's Newcomer's Orientation and Welcome, or NOW, is a program for spouses new to the Baumholder military community. NOW is a three-day orientation designed to welcome and inform spouses of military members and civilian employees to Baumholder by providing relevant information and developing necessary skills for living in this unique environment.

Spouses will learn about Germany and the local German community through briefings on customs

and a German language survival and cultural adaptation class. Spouses, new to the military or not, will also have an opportunity to attend an introductory class to the Army lifestyle.

Field trips will provide family members with practical skills in using German public transportation and shopping on the economy. Free transportation and child care is available for all registered participants during the orientation.

All participants must register with ACS. To learn more about this program stop by ACS in Building 8746 or call mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188.



## ACS calendar

**Jan. 10**

Conflict Resolution  
RACC

Learn the Basics of Saving and Investing

**Jan. 11**

Couples Communication

**Jan. 11**

Sponsorship Training, open to all

Story Hour  
Stepfamily Relationships

**Jan. 13**

Child Abuse Neglect and Recognition and Prevention

**Jan. 15**

Employment Orientation

**Jan. 16**

Stress Management  
Newcomer's Coffee  
International Spouses Club

**Jan. 17**

Anger Management  
Basic Investing in Mutual Funds  
Resumix at the Cyber Café

**Jan. 18**

Child Safety and Supervision

**Jan. 22**

Successful Parenting  
Employment Orientation  
Resumix Workshop

**Jan. 23**

Stress Management

**Jan. 24**

Conflict Resolution  
Credit Use and Credit Cards.

For more information about classes or services provided by ACS call mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188.



## BSB trains for force protection, readiness

By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava  
222nd Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

While most of the Baumholder community was well into the holiday leave schedule and scurrying around the post exchange to pick up that last minute holiday gift, the staff of the 222nd Base Support Battalion was well entrenched in a three-day force protection exercise.

Using computer simulated scenarios, courtesy of the Baumholder Simulation Center, 222nd BSB staff members and representatives from tactical units responded to everything from civil disturbances to an explosion that caused mass casualties on post.

For many of the civilian staff members, this sort of training was new and a one-day training session to learn the intricacies of the simulation software was necessary. For many of the green suiters it was old hat as the software and equipment was the same used for tactical simu-

lation scenarios.

For those unfamiliar with the simulation software, instructors from the simulation center were on hand to keep the scenario moving as planned.

According to Maj. Maurice Cox, 222nd BSB S-3, the exercise served several purposes. "A key function of this exercise was to bring the BSB staff and tactical unit representatives together in a working environment so that they could become acquainted with each other," said Cox.

"The exercise was also a prep session for a more involved exercise in March when we will use real soldiers and civilians to exercise our force protection procedures," he said.

It was also a first-time learning experience for many. "For many of our civilians," said Cox, "it was an excellent experience to orient them in the use of the equipment available at the Baumholder Simulation Center."



Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Maj. Maurice Cox, 222nd Base Support Battalion S-3, explains the purpose of the force protection simulation exercise to BSB staff members and representatives of the 104th Area Support Group.



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### Santa, where are your pants?

Christmas came a little early for several children attending a pool party at Baumholder's Indoor Pool Dec. 20. In fact, Santa (alias Bernd "Bernie" Mai) was in such a rush to make his pre-Christmas appointment that he forgot his pants at the North Pole. The jolly little guy had to call Mrs. Claus on his cell phone so she could mail them to him before he slipped into any chimneys.

## ACS programs are hiring

### Coordinator needed

A newcomers coordinator is currently needed at ACS to independently conduct the four-day newcomer's orientation, "Baumholder NOW." This is a 50-hour-per-month, nonpersonnel services contract that runs from Jan. 22, 2001 through Jan 15, 2002.

Responsibilities include: preparing for the orientation by verifying attendance by participating agencies and participants; verifying child care needs the week prior; contacting, verifying and meeting the Red Cycle bus driver the week prior to orientation; supplying and preparing refreshments; set up of classroom prior to the orientation; conducting the orientation according to the itinerary ensuring time frames are being observed and that orientation stays on track.

This is a high-profile job, therefore the contractor must have excellent speaking and social skills, know how to be courteous but firm, and preferably speak some German. The contractor must have first-hand experience with the U.S. military lifestyle and be well aware of various transition difficulties. The contractor must also be familiar with German public transportation as a train/field trip is required and an orientation to the train system must be conducted.

Applicants with college degrees

or related work experience are encouraged to submit a resume to Baumholder ACS. Resumes will be accepted until Jan. 10 and interviews will be conducted Jan. 12. For more information call Lone Vidrine, relocation program manager, at mil 485-7258/8188 or civ(06783)6-7258/8188.

### Relocation needs leader

A job opening for a relocation assistant is currently available at Baumholder's Army Community Service, in Building 8746 on Smith Barracks. This is a 40-hours-per-week, nonpersonnel services contract that will run from Jan. 16 2001 through Jan. 15, 2002. Contractor responsibilities include administering and monitoring the lending closet program, implementing and maintaining the worldwide welcome packet library, using the SITES program, using various computer programs for data entry tasks, conducting and maintaining current inventory, automated data entry of client accounts and clearing information, and conducting daily briefings at the welcome center.

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## Problem-solving skills vital to healthy marriage

Commentary by Chaplain (Maj) Marshall Peterson  
284th Base Support Battalion family life chaplain

There is nothing more beautiful than a young honeymooning couple beginning life together. But magnificent dreams of marital bliss and endless love are often dashed against the rugged shores of reality.

In *"Fighting For Your Marriage,"* authors Howard Markman, Scott Stanley and Susan Blumberg note, "It's not how much you love each other that predicts the future of your relationship, but how conflicts and disagreements are handled. So if you want to have a good marriage, you'd better learn to fight right."

Contrary to popular opinion, love is not enough, nor is sexual ecstasy, nor excitement. Possessing problem-solving skills, or lack of these skills, will determine how long a couple's love will last.

The spouse who learns to positively handle conflicts gives the best wedding gift of all.

### Beware of truth slinging without love

Conflicts often result from couples using communicative "zingers." Zingers are words spoken sarcastically or with an unkind voice — putting down or labeling one's mate as the problem. Spouses feel justified using these put-downs because, "it was the truth, wasn't it?" And phrases such as, "she or he *always or never* does this" are also confused with the truth. These all-inclusive phrases breed hopelessness by connecting the spouse's present actions to past grievances, instead of limiting discussion to the present issue. All-inclusive statements fuel conflict that quickly undermines love.

Every sincere couple will outlaw these damaging words and deal with the immediate issue. Years ago the words, "tell it like it is" were popular. This was hailed as refreshingly

honest. But experienced couples know that even honest words spoken in thoughtless ways can be toxic. The ancient writer's words ring true, it is speaking the truth in love, to benefit the one loved, that makes for positive, loving relationships.

### Healthy couples learn to fight fair

Many couples think being happily married means no conflict. But all couples fight or argue at times, even healthy couples. Anything worthwhile is worth fighting for. Marriage is no exception. The difference is that healthy couples have learned to fight fair. They communicate disagreements respectfully. These constructive arguments build lasting marriages by channeling fights into positive patterns. Fighting fair is all about disagreeing or arguing in a way in which each partner feels respected and protected.

### Teamwork is critical

"Stop action" is a dynamically simple principal in which the couple agrees, beforehand, to stop the communication before conflict begins. This teamwork unites the couple against the real problem — the negative communication cycle — not each other. When one partner realizes words or tones of voice are getting out of control he or she says "stop action."

The unwholesome communication immediately stops as both partners withdraw verbally to regroup. The couple agrees, however, to address the issue immediately or in a few hours, at a specific time, when both partners have cooled down and feel safe. Stop action ensures that communication will not get out of control and the issue will be addressed.

Fighting fair is the best wedding gift you can give your mate. Learning to argue within mutually agreed upon rules of engagement preserves respect and dignity. For more information on fighting fair see your Family Life chaplain, unit chaplain or community counselor.



Photo by Alexandra Williams

### Talented youth artists ready for competition

For the first time the Youth Services of the 284th Base Support Battalion conducted an art exhibit for students ages 10-18. The exhibit is part of a program supported by the Boys and Girls Club of America. Divided into divisions for ages 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18, the students had a chance to compete in the categories of watercolor, multi-colored or monochromatic. "We have some outstanding pieces at this exhibit," said Susanne Turney, recreation assistant for the 284th Base Support Battalion Youth Services. "Looking at the pictures you can see the diversity," said Randy McNally, another recreation assistant. The artwork was judged by Kimberly Combs, director of community activities, Linda Ezernieks, crafts supervisor, and art teachers from Giessen High School and Elementary School. Following are the first place winners in the 10-12 age group: Jacklyn Antwi, Cory Zilisch and Curtis Roller; ages 13-15: Elisabeth Clark, Kalia Thayer and Joshua Caldwell; ages 16-18: Eryne Reilly, Michael Hogg, Deryl Wingate, Michele Vega, Connie Carver, John Flesher and Eunice Adjei. The winners will go to next level of competition to be conducted in Stuttgart Feb. 6-9. "The winners of the Stuttgart exhibit will qualify for competition in the United States with other artists who have won their regional competitions," said Turney.



Photos by Alexandra Williams

### Care providers honored

"We want to show our child care providers as well as the community how much we appreciate their dedication and hard work," said Mary Ann Butzkies, chief of the 284th Base Support Battalion's Child and Youth Services during a visit by Lt. Col. Robert J. Wagner, BSB commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin A.J. Smith to the child development centers in Giessen and Butzbach. Wagner and Smith presented Katrina Hopwood (left) and Louise Dost (above) with scrolls of appreciation. "We're just doing our jobs," said Dorst and Hopwood who were surprised with the award. Butzkies said presentation of awards will be conducted on a regular basis.





Photo by Sgt. Michael Pintagro

Capt. Scott Carter embraces his neighbor's 2-year-old daughter Katy Hillbert during a welcome-home ceremony at the Giessen's Alpine Club for 2-3rd Field Artillery soldiers.

# Welcome back 1st Brigade

Returning soldiers get heroes' welcomes in Giessen and Friedberg

By Alexandra Williams and Sgt. Michael Pintagro

284th Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office/13th Public Affairs Detachment

Soldiers were greeted with hugs and cheers at welcome centers in Giessen and Friedberg upon their return from Kosovo last month. Families, fellow soldiers and 284th Base Support Battalion staff gathered to welcome re-deploying troops of 1st Armored Division's 1st Brigade and supporting units.

The reunion ceremonies marked the end of a six-month deployment to Kosovo. It also ended a six-month family separation — for many of the families the first long-term separation of their Army lives. "This was our first long deployment after 19 years in the Army," said Lydia Gittings, a family support group leader. She pointed out that it was not always easy, but whenever she had a problem she could contact her husband either by email or phone. Betty Davidson, mayor of Bad Nauheim's Alvin York Housing and an Army spouse of 19 years without long-term deployment experience added, "The deployment went OK, but I am so glad it is over with."

The biggest challenge for some families was the time spent waiting for soldiers to arrive at the welcome centers. "This is worse



Photos (3) by Alexandra Williams

Spc. Samuel Johnson, 1-37th Armor, greets his children Amari (age four months) and Ashley (8), and his wife Valerie. Photo below right: Sgt. Richard Neill, 2-37th Armor, snuggles up with his daughter, 4-month-old Tias. Below: Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Deering, 16th Engineer Battalion, hugs his wife Carol while his mother Diana takes a look at the photos his daughter, Ciaran, age 10, snapped during the homecoming.

than the entire six months when he was gone," said Cortney Pallazzini as she looked out the window continuously checking to see if the troops (and her husband) had yet arrived. Tyler Zimprich (age 4) tried to keep himself busy by playing with other children, but he could not help asking those around him when his father would finally return. 1st Lt. Christopher Horwege was one of the few who stood patiently in the room waiting for his wife 1st Lt. Christine Horwege to come home. "We were both deployed to Kosovo and I came back two days ago. We are both looking forward to living a normal life again," he said.

As every family had news to share with newly returned spouses, Diana Deering may have had the most heartwarming news for her son Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Deering. "When my son deployed I was very sick. I was diagnosed with breast cancer and I thought I was going to die. He visited me one last time before he left for Kosovo. I was bald and looked very bad," she said. As he left for the Balkans she said she developed a strong will to live and to see her son again. "The thought of seeing him again kept me going. And look at me now, I have hair and I am healthy," said Deering who arrived from Ireland the day before.

Family members, friends and well-wishers warmly welcomed some 125 weary warriors home during an emotional homecoming ceremony Dec. 10 at Giessen's Alpine Club. The troops, drawn from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery, 1st Armored Division, received a rousing ovation from an enthusiastic, flag-waving crowd as they entered the facility.

After a brief blessing by Lt. Col. (Chap.) Robert Loring, Lt. Col. Steve McHugh, 2-3rd



FA commander, addressed his troops. "The guys standing in front of me are heroes," McHugh said succinctly. "They finished just as strongly as they started."

"We're happy he's back, especially with Christmas coming up," Christine Grantham said of the return of her husband, Staff Sgt. Ronald Grantham. "Being a temporary sole parent: That's the hardest part," said the mother of three daughters under 10, "having to explain why Daddy's gone and everything. I think it's hardest on the children."

"The hardest part was just being by myself," said Mary Travis, wife of Sgt. Brian Travis, who remained at Giessen with the couple's three children. "Just missing him was the hardest part."

Leaders characterized the mission as a team effort among deployed troops, rear personnel, family members and the entire base community. "It's not just the soldiers down-

range," said Lt. Col. George Seiferth, the 2-37th Armor and Brigade Rear Detachment commander. "It's one team. They've performed real well and supported the deployed soldiers since the spring," the Saratoga, N.Y., native added. "They supported each other in times of need. They really came forward: They've coached the soccer teams; they've done the homework with the kids; they've fixed the cars; they've maintained the homes."

"I personally believe the families have grown stronger because of this mission," Seiferth said. "And at the same time our community has grown closer. The support we've received from the rear support personnel and facilities has been tremendous."

Family members appreciated the efforts of support organizations and volunteer groups in the rear. "I had a good support group," said Mary Travis.

## Return from





# Task Force Nightmare returns

## Aviators make it back to Fliegerhorst safely

Story and photo by David Ruderman  
Staff writer

About 150 soldiers of Task Force Nightmare returned to Erlensee to a tumultuous welcome on Fliegerhorst Kaserne Dec. 14. The aviators had been deployed to Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, since June as part of the KFOR peacekeeping mission.

"The flow of about 5,000 soldiers into Kosovo and out of Kosovo is a major undertaking," said Col. Mark S. Landrith, commander 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division. "It was done extremely well and extremely smoothly. It was not as big a problem as I was expecting it to be."

Landrith summarized the TFK mission as 10,000 hours of flight time, 3,000 missions and 150 dignitary movements among other duties. Operations went on day and night in all kinds of weather, he said. He estimated that half of all flights were conducted using night vision equipment and that TFK soldiers operated at a tempo three times above that of any unit in the Army. "And that with not a single accident, and not a single incident," he said. "It was a very, very successful deployment. We flew a lot of hours very safely. It couldn't have been any better," he said.

TFK commander, Lt. Col. Tom Muir, said the mission was a solid success. "Most certainly. We brought everybody home safely," he said. The handoff to Task Force Dragon went "exceptionally well. They were very well prepared. We had a detailed program down to the individual soldier level. We explained why we do things the way we do them in Kosovo," he said.

The returning soldiers had been expected the previous day, but heavy weather in the Balkans delayed their return. Instead of flying to Germany from Skopje, Macedonia, TFK made a six-hour bus trip

to Thessaloniki, Greece, and flew L-1011s back to Ramstein Air Base.

Assembling in an adjacent hangar, soldiers went through a battery of processing steps before forming up and marching to Hangar 1304 for their official reception. As the hangar doors began to open, the 200 assembled family members and friends, and an equal number of rear detachment colleagues let out a tremendous shout. The TFK soldiers marched in to the strains of martial music broadcast over loudspeakers.

Mary Riley was there with her sons Benjamin, 13, Nicholas, 10, and daughter Elyse, 8, to welcome Chief Warrant Officer 2 Christopher Riley of Company A, 2-501st Aviation Regiment. "It was very long," said Riley. "I'm very happy to be home." "Now we can celebrate our birthdays," said Mary, noting that Elyse would turn 9 the next day. The Rileys were also looking forward to celebrating their anniversary on the 22nd. "He got back just in time," said Mary.

"It was long but fulfilling, especially being able to help out the people in Kosovo. I'm glad to be home, though," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Glenn Osborne, an Apache pilot with Company A, 1-501st Aviation. Osborne's wife Heather, and daughters Anna, 7, Katie, 27 months, and Emily, born two weeks before he deployed, were waiting for their man. "It was long," said Heather.



Chief Warrant Officer 2 Glenn Osborne hugs his wife Heather and daughters Emily and Katie while eldest daughter Anna looks on during the Task Force Nightmare homecoming ceremony at Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Erlensee.

"We're glad to have him back."

Landrith made short welcoming remarks, and another resounding shout filled the hangar when he said, "Welcome home Task Force Nightmare." After an equally brief invocation the soldiers were released, and couples and families raced toward one another to end the six-month separation. Within 15 minutes the hangar was deserted except for soldiers breaking down the public announcement equipment. Everyone else had headed home to get on with their lives.

"They helped a lot. Volunteering and keeping busy also helped."

"The family resource group for Charlie Battery helped us a lot," Christine Grantham added. "They kept us informed of everything we needed to know."

"They provided newsletters, email; we were able to communicate through military phones and computers at the company and ACS," said Kay Dukes.

The welcoming efforts of the 284th BSB and families did not go unnoticed by the troops. "You just don't know how it feels to come here (into the decorated rooms). A big, big thanks for welcoming us," said Lt. Col. Garland Williams of the 16th Engineer Battalion. Lt. Col. Michael Cloy, commander of 1-36th Infantry Regiment said he appreciated the support of the brigade's rear detachment as well as Army Community Service. Maj. Daniel Pinnell, executive officer for 2-3rd Field Artillery said the battalion appreciated all the redeployment planning done by their rear detachment as they ensured a smooth transition as well as a good communication with the families. "We left a strong team (in Giessen) and they helped to make this a

successful mission," he said.

In all around 2,500 1st Brigade Combat Team troops participated in the mission, which 1st AD took over from the 1st Infantry Division last June. The 2nd BCT, also consisting of 1st AD troops, assumed responsibility for the mission in mid-December.

"Bottom line is: During the last six months the Ready 1st Combat Team has performed magnificently in a place that did not know peace, stability or security," Seiferth said. "Since then much has changed inside Kosovo and within the Balkans. The world can see the fruits of their labor in the developing economy, the resumption of a civil government in Kosovo and a dramatic transition of power within the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia."

"The leadership of this division has asked our soldiers to do a couple of basic things well: To get better every day, move Kosovo closer to civil control and bring everybody home, which is what they've done," he said.

"We've been very fortunate," Seiferth added. "We haven't had any of our soldiers seriously hurt or killed. That's a credit to leaders, officers and NCOs, and the soldiers who took care of their buddies."



Photo by Alexandra Williams

Jeanette, Juliet and Jackson Turner display their patriotic pride while waiting for Capt. Jerry Turner during the homecoming ceremony for 1-37th Armor soldiers.

from Kosovo



## Community spotlight

### Helping those in need

The Directorate of Public Works and the Housing Office staff gave a donation of about DM 1,700 to the premature baby intensive care unit of the Giessen Universitätsklinik in mid-December. Donations were made during the directorates' annual Christmas party when the staff was able to bid money for various Christmas gifts.

### Community Information Brief

The next Community Information Brief takes place Jan. 25 at the Alpine Catering Center starting at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend to receive first-hand information from representatives of various organizations serving the 284th Base Support Battalion.

### Out-processing briefing

The Central Processing Facility hosts the next out-processing briefing Jan. 23 starting at 9 a.m. in the Old Ironsides Movie Theater on Friedberg's Ray Barracks. Soldiers are required to attend a briefing between 75 and 90 days before their scheduled departure date. Spouses are welcome to attend.

### Bulk trash pickup

The next bulk trash pickup date is Feb. 2. Christmas trees will also be picked up. The pickup is provided to dispose of items too large for the regular dumpsters such as personal furniture, large toys, POV tires and rims, mattresses and small appliances such as microwave ovens.

### Don't let car idle

German law prohibits running the engine in a parked vehicle longer than one minute. Offenders may be ticketed by the Military Police on post and by German police off post. The first ticket in Hessen starts at DM 100 and increases for each additional offense.



### Hazardous waste disposal

Oil and other hazardous waste does not belong in regular dumpsters. In Giessen the waste can be dropped off at the collection point located past the motor pools on the Giessen Depot Mondays from 8 a.m. to noon, 12:30-1:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to noon, 12:30-3 p.m. In Friedberg the collection point is located next to Building 3636 on Ray Barracks. Waste can be dropped

off Tuesdays and Thursday from 9-11 a.m.

### Army Community Service events

Newcomer Orientation and Welcome classes take place in Friedberg Jan. 16-18 and in Giessen from Jan. 23-25. **Parent and Me Playtime** is scheduled for Friedberg Jan. 10 and 17 from 10 a.m. to noon and in Giessen Jan. 12 and 19 from 10 a.m. to noon. **Anger Management** classes take place in Friedberg Jan. 10 from 10 a.m. to noon and in Giessen Jan. 17 from 1-3 p.m. For details call ACS in Giessen at mil 343-7618 or ACS Friedberg at mil 324-3465.

### Lock-in coming up

The Youth Center Giessen has scheduled a welcome back lock-in Jan. 20 from 10 p.m. to 10 a.m. Cost is \$10 per child. For details call the YS at mil 343-6129.

### Get crafty in January

January is **woodworking** month at Friedberg Arts and Crafts. Classes take place every Thursday at 5 p.m. Fees are \$15 per week. For details call mil 324-3266. A **scrapbook making class** is scheduled for Jan. 13 from 2-4 p.m. A guest instructor from Kaiserslautern will teach a creative new way

to add life to a photo album and to create life-long keepsakes for the entire family. Fees are \$5 per person plus materials. For more information call mil 343-6445.

### Wild West Night support

The 284th Base Support Battalion's Hearts and Hands Club needs **white elephant donations** to sell at the country store during the Wild West Night March 10. **Volunteers are sought** to lend their expertise in areas such as decorating, banking, gaming, entertainment and more. For information call D'Lynn Phelps at civ (06033) 744 747.

### Outdoor Rec trips

The Giessen Outdoor Recreation Center offers skiing trips to various locations in Austria, the Black Forest and Winterberg every weekend in January. For exact times and destinations call mil 343-8207.

### Flea market in Giessen

The next flea market with a special market for antiques and secondhand goods in Giessen is scheduled for Jan. 28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hessenhallen. Free parking is available.

## Butzbach program earns accreditation

Butzbach Elementary School was recently granted accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The prestigious recognition has been achieved by approximately 7 percent of early childhood programs nationwide, some 7,448 programs as of June 2000, serving 684,103 children.

Accreditation is valid for three years.

"The heart of NAEYC accreditation focuses on the child's experience," said Kathy Valentine, Sure Start teacher at Butzbach Elementary School. "The process carefully considers all aspects of a program including health and safety, staffing, staff qualifications and physical environment. The greatest emphasis is on the children's relationships with the staff and how the program helps each child grow and learn intellectually, physically, socially and emotionally."

According to Valentine, research supports the value of ac-

creditation for children. Children's language and social skills especially benefit from the better quality found in NAEYC-accredited programs. "These are critical areas for children's success in school as well as in life," she said.

Butzbach Elementary School's Sure Start program currently serves 18 children who are 4 years old.

NAEYC accreditation began in 1985 with the first program accredited in 1986. NAEYC is the nation's oldest and largest organization of early childhood professionals dedicated to improvement of quality early childhood education. NAEYC established accreditation in response to the growing number of American children spending large amounts of time in group settings away from home, and the uneven and often inadequate consumer protection afforded by state licensing of child care facilities.

NAEYC accreditation is a rigorous, voluntary process by which early childhood programs demon-

strate they meet national standards of excellence. Child care centers, preschools, kindergartens and before- and after-school programs are engaged in seeking accreditation.

Programs seeking accreditation undergo an intensive self-study collecting information from parents, teachers, administrators and classroom observations.

They receive an on-site visit, conducted by early childhood professionals especially by NAEYC to validate their self-study results. A team of national experts who grant or defer accreditation independently reviews all of this information.

Parents looking for the NAEYC torch when choosing child care or early education programs for their children will find programs that have commitment to excellence for young children and families, Valentine said.

For more information about the NAEYC or the accreditation process visit their website at [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org).



Photo by Alexandra Williams

### Gunner battalion provides support

Betsy Travis (left), Jodi Wright, Karla Moody and Christine Grantham pack goodie bags for students of Giessen Elementary School. The four women are part of the 2-3rd Field Artillery Regiment group of spouses and soldiers who dedicate time and expertise to various organizations within the 284th Base Support Battalion. Recently the "Gunner" battalion was presented an award for over 1,100 hours of volunteering in the Giessen Elementary School during the first quarter of the school year. "Eighty percent of our spouses are volunteering," said Capt. Steve Berlin, 2-3rd FA administrative officer. Helping with admin work, in the classroom and cafeteria or working as crossing guards are duties taken on by the volunteers.

**For more information check out the 284th Base Support Battalion's home page at [www.giessen.army.mil](http://www.giessen.army.mil).**



## Tree lighting ceremonies usher in Christmas

By Elyce M. Franks

410th Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

The community of Bad Kreuznach celebrated its last Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 7 in front of the Nahe Club. More than 250 German and American guests braved not only rain, but high winds and mud to attend. The guests held their brightly colored umbrellas high and wrapped their raincoats tightly around themselves as they waved holiday colored “chem lights” and sang carols to the sounds of the 1st Armored Division Band. Bad Kreuznach Elementary School’s Kinder Choir, led by Christine Owens, sang an assortment of carols and songs for Kwanzaa and Hanukkah.

### Mix of sadness and joy

“The tree lighting marks the beginning of our last holiday season here in Bad Kreuznach,” said Lt. Col. Russell C. Cloy, 410th Base Support Battalion commander. “This makes for both a joyous, as well as a sad occasion. Joyous, because it brings us together one final time in the spirit of sharing as families, friends and neighbors. Sad, because we know it is the last one we will share as a community.”

The holiday season is all about sharing, Cloy said. “We have been so fortunate to be a part of a city as wonderful as Bad Kreuznach. We have shared traditions, culture and German-American friendships with this city for more than 50 years, and for that we are grateful.”

Children stood with cheeks turned bright pink, some from the cold, but most from the



Photos by Deborah L. Powers

Third-grader Julie Celtnieks looks content as she gives Santa Claus (Bad Kreuznach’s Chief Warrant Officer 3 Ken Deans) a hug at the Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 7.

anticipation, as they waited for Santa Claus to appear and the giant Christmas tree to be illuminated. None were disappointed.

With the children counting down from 10, Santa came riding in on a Fire Department Jeep with blue lights flashing to announce his arrival. The children cheered as Santa and the commander together threw the switch that lit up the Christmas tree. Everyone then dashed inside the club to dry off and warm up with Glühwein, hot chocolate, eggnog, cookies and candy. Children stood patiently for a chance to sit in Santa’s (alias Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kenneth Deans) lap, have their picture taken and tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas.

### Santa comes to Dexheim

One week later the community of Dexheim celebrated its own Tree Lighting Ceremony

in its own unique way. The weather cooperated with no rain, but unfortunately it was very cold and windy. The Bad Kreuznach High School Advanced Band performed under the direction of Butch Wilcher and the Dexheim Elementary School Choir sang Christmas carols.

“As I was watching the kids sing out here I could see all the parents smiling, all the cameras are out. ... The kids are out front — that’s what this is all about,” Cloy said. “This holiday season is for families. The holiday season is for making the kids feel special, and it’s celebrating something special in each of our families and each of our lives.”

Cloy also reflected on the effect of the deployments on Dexheim families. “Since this holiday is all about families, we all know that we’ve got portions of our families that are not here. Some are coming home — we’ve got



A Kinder Choir member rings bells during a performance at the Bad Kreuznach Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

some great homecomings — and some have just left and are going to be gone for quite some time. So everybody knows our thoughts are with the folks in Kosovo — all the soldiers doing the hard work.”

### Listening carefully

Cloy instructed the children to be very quiet. “If you listen very carefully, I believe you might hear Santa Claus,” he told them. The children were silent at first, but they couldn’t control their excitement and enthusiasm as they heard Santa’s (alias Lothar Einsfeld) sleigh bells as he drove up on a blue wagon pulled by a farm tractor. “The fanciest sleigh you’ve ever seen,” said Cloy to the gathered crowd.

The children sang “We Wish you a Merry Christmas,” and counted backward from 10 till Cloy and Santa illuminated the tree together. Santa then invited his guests inside for warm refreshments and a huge cake. “And those of you who want to ride with me in my wagon, come and join me. I’ll be at the wagon. Merry Christmas,” said Santa, ringing his bell.

Children clambered into the wagon for a ride around post with Santa, singing German and American Christmas carols.



A family member goes for the traditional goodies after the ceremony.

## Around town

### Gold Rush Bowling

The Bad Kreuznach Bowling Center will host a Gold Rush Community Tournament Jan. 20 from 8-10 p.m. The entry fee is \$10, and everyone is welcome.

### Ski, shop and shoot

Dexheim Outdoor Recreation will ski the Black Forest Jan. 13; shop at Ramstein BX and Vogelweh PX Jan. 20; and play Paintball Jan. 27. Call mil 334-5818 or civ (06133) 69818 for details and to sign up.

### Hitting the slopes

Bad Kreuznach Outdoor Recreation offers One Day

Alpine/Downhill Skiing trips with optional instruction Jan. 20 and 28, and Moonlight Skiing trips Jan. 21 and Feb. 25.

Trips will be to Sand, Feldberg or Gersfeld. Cross-country and Alpine ski packages are available for adults and children. Call mil 490-6498 for details.

### MLK remembered

The Rheinlander Catering Center will sponsor a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Lunch Special Jan. 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call mil 334-5712 or civ (06133) 69712 for details.

### ACS activities in Dexheim

Dexheim Army Community Service will sponsor FSG Training, Jan. 16, 2-5 p.m.; PCS, the Financial Aspect, Jan. 17, 1:30-4:30 p.m.; Financial Readiness for First Term Soldiers, Jan. 22, 1:30-4:30 p.m.; Understanding Your LES, Jan 31, 10-

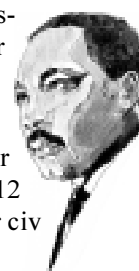
11:30 a.m.; and Sponsorship Training, Jan. 31, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Call mil 334-5622 or civ (06133) 69622 for information.

### Town Hall, MLK march set

A Dexheim Town Hall Meeting will take place at the Rheinlander Club Jan. 10 at 6 p.m. They will also sponsor a Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial March Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. Call Capt. Michael Williams at mil 334-5852 or civ (06133) 69852 for details.

### Health care around the clock

The Bad Kreuznach Health Clinic’s PCM on Call program is available to advise patients on an appropriate level of care whenever the clinic is closed. A provider is available after hours at civ (0175) 225 3883. During clinic operating hours patients should call Central Appointments at civ (0671) 792 710/750.





## 1st AD Band plays farewell Christmas concert



Photo by Deborah L. Powers

Elvis (alias Sgt. Christopher Cotton) croons to the crowd at the 1st AD Christmas Concerts held Dec. 10. The impersonation was one of the highlights of the afternoon and evening shows.

By A.K.  
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The 1st Armored Division Band bade farewell to Bad Kreuznach Dec. 10 with its last Christmas concert while stationed there. As they have over the past 16 years of performing Christmas concerts in BK, the band played its way into the hearts of its listeners during an afternoon matinee and an evening performance.

"We will miss the band," said Bad Kreuznach Lord Mayor Rolf Ebbeke, a sentiment apparently shared by all 2,400 audience members at the annual holiday shows. And the feeling ran both ways. A touch of nostalgia was evident in announcer Bruce Anderson's voice as he declared on behalf of all 42 performers that the BK audience is the best he has experienced in his 21-year Army career.



Photo by Deborah L. Powers

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Fred Catchings conducts the 1st Armored Division Band during the Christmas Concerts.

From the first note the band, under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Fred J. Catchings, demonstrated its outstanding musical abilities. In particular, the flutes and clarinets added a symphonic touch with pleasantly soft sounds to many pieces. The band was at its strongest in the powerful, full-volume passages, especially the German Christmas medley "*Fröhliche Weihnachten*" and the American holiday classic, "*A Christmas Festival*."

### Spirit of the season

The soldier-musicians put special emotion into the musical wish "*I'll Be Home for Christmas*," hoping they themselves would make it home from Kosovo in time for the holiday. Immediately after the evening concert the band changed from dress blues into BDUs and moved out for a 3 a.m. flight to the Balkans.

After an intermission the Big Band ensemble, the Iron Knights, took the stage with a jazzed-up version of "*Frosty the Snowman*." They continued their portion of the show combining Christmas time and rock-and-roll in "*Jingle Bell Rock*." Instrumental and vocal soloists gave shining performances, which reached a climax when Catchings, Sgt. Clifford Hinson and Spc. Valeria Lari sang "*Santa Claus is Coming to Town*." A very special guest did appear at the end of the song, but it wasn't Santa Claus. It was none other than Elvis Presley (played by Sgt. Christopher Cotton) who came to town. Elvis sang his Christmas hit "*Blue Christmas*" — and left the building.

The Rose Barracks Gospel Choir added a special touch as a guest artist at the evening concert, performing two selections and receiving generous applause from the audience.

After long applause, and several encores, the band had to leave the stage — against the audience's wishes. All in all, both concerts were huge successes, and a fitting tribute to the warm and comfortable relationship between the U.S. Army (and especially the band) and the residents of Bad Kreuznach.

### Finding family far from home

## Operation Good Cheer gets soldiers out of barracks

By Elyce M. Franks  
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Pfc. Mandy Tate pictured her first Christmas in Germany as eating dinner at a dining facility and then watching "*Miracle on 34th Street*." She'd only been in Germany for five months, so what else could she do? Some soldiers can't go home because they don't have enough leave time accrued or their units need them here because the rest of their unit is downrange.

Enter Operation Good Cheer, a program which offers a unique opportunity for single or unaccompanied soldiers to experience Christmas in a family atmosphere, to enjoy the hospitality of a German home, to make German friends and to learn more about German customs and traditions.

Soldiers and families are matched up according to a number of factors, including common interests and hobbies. German language skills are not necessary for the soldiers because every family has at least one English-speaking member.

"This is a great program because it gets our single soldiers out of the barracks and into a caring family's home. Not only is it good for morale, but it gives our soldiers a

chance to experience a new culture," said Command Sgt. Maj. Jose Fontanez of the 410th Base Support Battalion. Experiencing a new culture and its customs, learning a new language and being with a "real" family are all reasons why single soldiers wanted to participate in this year's program, he said.

Tate, who works at the Dexheim Health Center, was convinced to participate in this year's program by a friend who participated last year. "It seemed like a fun thing to do. I wanted to learn about the German culture. I think it will be fun spending time with a family for the holidays," she said.

Tate met her Good Cheer family quite by accident at this year's Thanksgiving Appreciation Dinner, a dinner held yearly to thank the families for participating in the previous year's program. Tate attended with a friend and happened to be sitting by the Richter family. They hit it off, and the family asked her to spend the holidays with them. "I am spending four days with them starting on the 23rd. I know we are going to church and having dinner. I know there is going to be a lot of family there," said Tate.

Tate, from Taylor, Ariz., has been in the Army almost a year and in Germany almost five months. Her parents think the program is

"neat." Tate said her family is happy that she won't be spending the holidays alone. "They think it will be neat for me to see how the Germans spend Christmas," she said.

Pfc. Jeremy Rose, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 123rd Main Support Battalion, who has been in Germany for nine months, shares those sentiments. Rose found out about the program through his sergeant. "I am a 'barracks rat.' I tend to stick close to the base and to my barracks," Rose admitted. "I thought this sounded interesting. It's a chance to get out on the economy and meet new people."

His Good Cheer family will celebrate Christmas by attending church Christmas Eve. "The kids are putting on a play. I don't even know what religion they are. It will be my first German play," Rose said. He will eat dinner with the family, spend the night and return to his barracks Christmas evening. The family has three adult children, and one of their sons is a paratrooper in the German Army.

"To sum it up I am going out of curiosity. I want to find out how different German Christmases are from American Christmases. I want to see how the Germans celebrate," said Rose, a native of Deerfield, Mass.

Also new to Germany, Pfc. Edie Parker of the

HHD, 123rd MSB, has been in Germany for only two months. She joined up at the suggestion of her first sergeant as a way of being with a family. "The program sounded good because I am going to be away from home. I want to see how Germans celebrate and see how it is different from how we celebrate," said Parker.

She said she would work in the dining facility and then hang out in the barracks if she were not participating in Good Cheer. Instead she will spend three days with her family, the Wehmeiers. The family has three children, ages 14, 12 and 7. "It should be fun celebrating with kids," said Parker.

The family plans on going to church, having dinner and opening gifts, all on Christmas Eve, of course. "I really hope I am able to learn a little German and learn a little about their culture," said Parker. Her mother in Madisonville, Ky., was happy to hear she would be a part of a family this Christmas. "She said it was better than working or sitting around the barracks all day," Rose said.

"Operation Good Cheer represents the Army well. It shows that we care about our soldiers' well-being and for keeping their spirits up. It's good for German-American relations by getting soldiers into families' homes and out of the barracks," said Fontanez.



# Sports and leisure

## Sports shorts

### Basketball, soccer

The 284th Base Support Battalion Sports Office hosts a 10-man Basketball Invitational Jan. 27-28 in Giessen, the Unit-level BSB Basketball Championships Feb. 14-18 in Giessen and a Pre-season Indoor Soccer Tournament in Friedberg Feb. 26-28. Call mil 343-8208 for details.

### Hanau to host Super Cup Final Four

The 11th annual 104th Area Support Group Super Cup Basketball Tournament will be held in all BSBs Jan. 13-15. The top 32 unit-level teams in the ASG will compete for the cup. The Final Four competition will be held in Hanau. Contact your local Sports Office for details.



### BK's Bridgehouse Guards on target

The Bad Kreuznach Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Rifle Team is hot as a pistol this year. Team members Hakan Kittelson, Jonathan Bauer, Marquise Clark, Scott Wenzel, Alex Collins, Tyler Ruger, Valerie Laboy and Erica Moreno had outscored their three conference rivals by over 90 points going into competition at Baumholder Jan. 6. Bauer and Ruger have had outstandingly high scores in the standing and high prone categories respectively.

### Galaxy's Player makes Pro Bowl

Former Frankfurt Galaxy punter Scott Player has been selected to join fellow NFL players at the NFL Pro Bowl in Hawaii Feb. 4. Player, who competed with the Galaxy in Frankfurt through the 1997 season, now kicks for the Arizona Cardinals.

### Women's Basketball League Baumholder

The 222nd Base Support Battalion Sports Office in Baumholder will soon launch a women's basketball league open to units, Family Readiness Groups or any group of women wishing to form a team with 12 players and a coach. Sign up deadline is Jan. 22, and play starts Jan. 29. Call mil 485-7176 for details.

## Wiesbaden Wahoos set sights on Munich

By David Stephen  
Wiesbaden Wahoo coach

If the name Wiesbaden Wahoos conjures up the image of a fishing club, then you are in for a shock. The Wahoos are an all-American swim team, a member of the European Forces Swim League that regularly competes against teams from Italy to Belgium.

Their main aim this season is making the championship finals to be held at the Olympic Swimming Pool in Munich March 4.

Recently the Wahoos visited their local rivals, the Heidelberg Sea Lions, for what proved to be a competitive and demanding meet. The format of the event was in strict accordance with guidelines and rules set out by the U.S. Swimming Association and was tightly monitored by a team of EFSL officials. Each meet has a set number of 58 events, which allows swimmers aged 9-19 to compete in any com-

bination of freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke or butterfly.

Competition in each heat is extremely fierce, and ribbons are awarded for the top five finishers. The main goal for each athlete, however, is to achieve the qualification time for their event and make the Munich championships. Months of hard work, dedication and training culminated in some very exciting racing. The atmosphere poolside can, on occasion, become extremely tense as each swimmer will tell you — the line between success and failure can be one one-hundredth of a second.

Heidelberg this season has a very strong team coached by the EFSL president, Rusty Bernstein. They opened up an early lead in the 12-and-under events. Heidelberg proved to be too strong for the Wahoos and were worthy winners. Wiesbaden, however, can take encouragement from a number of excellent performances.

The Wahoos are very much a

developing team, and have managed to nurture an excellent team spirit with everyone pulling together. The Wahoos' main strength lies in the 15-19-year-old age group where a number of swimmers from previous years have matured into excellent athletes, combining technique with the desire to succeed.

A special thanks is extended to the Wahoo parents who give their time and material, transporting the team to away meets as well as providing daily encouragement to the

hard-working swimmers. As usual, the homeward bound trip consisted of a food stop with a chance to talk over the meet and look forward to the next competitive encounter.

The Wahoos are constantly on the lookout for new and up-and-coming talent. If you think you have what it takes, or are looking for a fun activity, give the Wahoos a call. Contact either me, coach David Stephens, at civ (06128) 968 524, or club president, Shannon Holloway, at civ (06128) 936 280.

## Taking wellness on the road

The 104th Area Support Group's Health Promotions Office will feature its Mobile Wellness Unit at the following locations in the coming months: **Jan. 22** Giessen Wellness Center, **Feb. 12** Friedberg Fitness Center, **Feb. 14** Hanau High School (for DoDDS personnel) and **Feb. 15-16** Hanau (for 104th

Area Support Group personnel). Come out and get a basic health assessment. To schedule your own unit Mobile Wellness visit call Sheri Jewell-Roy at mil 322-9509/8557, fax 322-9261 or visit the 104th ASG's website at [www.104thasg.hanau.army.mil](http://www.104thasg.hanau.army.mil) and click on "Community Health and Wellness Information."



# Sports and leisure

## Unit teams face off at 16th CSG's Sports Day

By David Ruderman  
Staff writer

Soldiers of 16th Corps Support Group units and the 69th Chemical Company faced off on the Cardwell Fitness Center's basketball court Jan. 4-5.

The bleachers were full of soldiers and family members cheering



Sgt. Alexander Evans of the 596th Maintenance Company team dribbles downcourt against HHD, 18th CSB.

on their teams during 16th CSG's quarterly Sports Day. Family members provided food for participants.

Teams warmed up off court during games, then immediately got on court to shoot layups before the buzzer. Units played two 11-minute halves.

"I'd say between 300-400 soldiers [participated]," said Capt. Robert White of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Corps Support Group, one of the Sports Day organizers. He said other activities complemented the basketball tournament. "We're also doing some age brackets for the kids. We've got a free throw round robin going on," White said. Spouses were invited to take part in a free throw competition. A three-point shot contest was also part of Sports Day activities.

Sgt. Maj. Celson Screen of 5-7th Air Defense Artillery officiated as a referee. "It's standard play for company level. It's all about participation," he said. Screen noted that the

trend in recent years has been back to company level competition. "In my opinion it should all be like this — at the grassroots," he said.

Competing teams included 77th Maintenance Company, 69th Chemical Company, 18th Corps Support Battalion, 596th Maintenance Company, 26th Quartermaster Supply Company, 485th Corps Support Battalion, 71st Ordnance Company and 16th CSG's Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

In the opener, 77th Maintenance walked over 69th Chemical 30-13. They yielded the court to Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 18th CSB, which put up a good fight against 596th Maintenance, but couldn't hold the line. "As a female I'm getting my minutes in," said Sgt. Wealthy Shepherd of 18th CSB during the game. Each team must field a woman player a minimum of four minutes during each game to meet the competition regulations, she explained. She said the limitation didn't bother her. "I'm fine. As long as we win, we're good," she said.



Photos by Karl Weisel

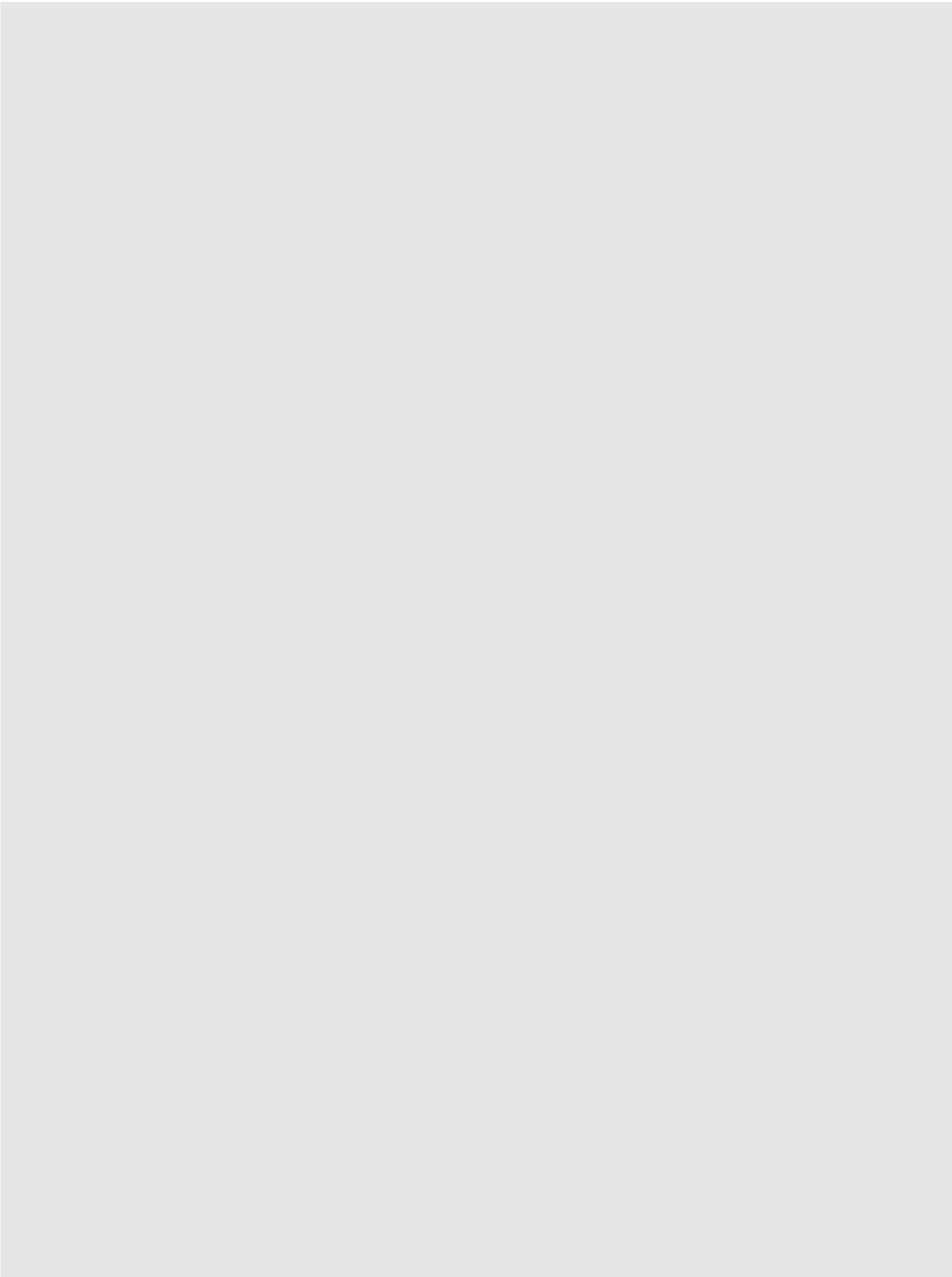
Members of the 596th Maintenance Company team huddle up before taking the court to thrash the team from Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 18th Corps Support Battalion, 42-24.

But the win went 42-24 to 596th Maintenance, which fielded one of the more enthusiastic teams to take the court. "It's good," said Spc. Daniel Broadwell after making several impressive dunks and sinking a behind-the-back shot while driving for the hoop. Would they go on to

the title? "Oh yeah, I think so. We're up tempo. Everybody's upbeat, we're all targeted on winning," he said.

After the first day's action 596th Maintenance and 71st Ordnance emerged victorious as leading contenders for the title and bragging rights.







# Restationing update

## Services, agencies relocate in Wiesbaden, Mainz-Kastel

Following are relocations of various agencies throughout Wiesbaden and Mainz-Kastel (unless otherwise indicated they are on Wiesbaden Army Airfield):

- ▶ **Veterinary Services** has moved from Building 1212 to Building 1001. People wishing to schedule appointments for their pet can call mil 337-6283.
- ▶ The **560th Military Police (Customs) Company** has moved from Building 1001 to 1006 (the current MP station). The new phone numbers are mil 337-6071 and mil 337-5188.
- ▶ The **Pond's Security Office** has moved from Building 1211 to the third floor of Building 1062. It can be reached at mil 337-5592.
- ▶ The **221st Base Support Battalion's Installation Office** has relocated to Building 1060. Installation passes and fingerprinting can be obtained every Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- ▶ The **Value Added Tax office** has moved to the ACS Building (7790) in Hainerberg Housing — open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-4:30 p.m.
- ▶ The **55th Personnel Support Division** has moved from Building 1023W (Welcome Center) to Building 1020. This includes **Identification Card services** (mil 337-5189), **passports** (mil 337-6231), **transition services** (mil 337-6638), **DEERS, enlisted and officer records** (mil 337-5543/5704 for enlisted and mil 337-5649 for officers), **promotions and evaluations** (mil 337-7470/7471 or mil 337-5847).
- ▶ **Civilian Personnel** has moved from Building 1023W to Building 1020 and can be reached at mil 337-5577. New phone numbers for the **Army and Air Force Exchange Service Personnel Office** are civ (06134) 26602; **Defense Logistic Agency personnel** mil 338-7601; **Department of Defense Dependent Schools personnel** mil 338-7375/7376; and **Corps of Engineers personnel** mil 336-2714/2715.
- ▶ The **Housing Office** and related services have moved from Building 1023W to Building 1030 and can be reached at mil 337-5770/5370.
- ▶ **Inbound and outbound transportation** has moved from Building 1023W to Building 1030 and can be reached at mil 337-6472/5375.
- ▶ The **Central Processing Facility** for both in and out processing has moved from Building 1023W to Building 1030 and can be reached at mil 337-5854/5843.
- ▶ **Drivers testing** has moved from Building 1023W to the Mainz Kastel Transportation Motor Pool and can be reached at mil 334-2492. Testing of all inprocessing soldiers will be done Thursday mornings at Building 1032 in the TSD classroom.
- ▶ The **optometry clinic** has moved from Building 1042 to Building 1022 and can be reached at mil 337-6483.
- ▶ The **physical therapy and occupational therapy offices** have moved from Building 1042 to Building 1022 and can be reached at mil 337-5824.
- ▶ The **patient liaisons** of the medical clinic have moved from Building 1042 to Building 1022 and can be reached at mil 337-7427.
- ▶ **Red Cross** has moved from Building 1023W to Building 1020. The American Red Cross can be reached at mil 337-1760/5173 and the German Red Cross can be reached at civ (0611) 48081.
- ▶ The **221st BSB Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment** has moved from Building 1202 to Building 1062 and can be reached at mil 337-1610.
- ▶ The **Transition and In-Service Recruiter's Office** has moved from Building 1023W to Building 1020 and can be reached at mil 337-6638.
- ▶ The **596th Maintenance Company** has moved from Building 1212 to Buildings 1223 and 1004.
- ▶ The **159th Medical Evacuation Detachment (Air Ambulance)** has moved from Buildings 1060, 1062 and 1069 to Buildings 1034 and 1035. (Compiled by Cassandra Kardeke, 221st BSB Public Affairs)



## Taking transition in stride

Officials from 1st Armored Division working closely with BSB and ASG staffs to address issues of concern

By Master Sgt. Lisa Hunter  
1st Armored Division Public Affairs Office

The closure of the Bad Kreuznach military community is still months away, but 1st Armored Division soldiers are already hard at work to make sure it's a smooth move.

This summer the 1st Armored Division Headquarters will relocate to Wiesbaden Army Airfield. By the end of the year the 410th Base Support Battalion will close up shop in Bad Kreuznach, returning American military installations to German control.

"We know that moving is always difficult, especially when you're moving a whole community; but we are trying to consider every possible factor to make this move easy on 1st AD soldiers and families," said Maj. Darryl Darden, 1st Armored Division public affairs officer. Darden, a member of the division's Restationing Team, has worked closely for months now with members of the Wiesbaden community and the 104th Area Support Group addressing every aspect of the division headquarters' move to ensure the move is as flawless as possible.

"We are looking at every facet of this move, from ensuring that there's adequate parking space on the airfield to ensuring that families have child care," Darden said. "From a quality of life perspective, this is a great move for the division. Wiesbaden has better facilities, adequate housing and it's a great community. In addition, the Wiesbaden community is getting approximately \$30 million for construction and other improvements to facilitate the move. But we know that our soldiers and families still have some concerns. It's our job to look at every one of these concerns and find creative solutions so that this will be a nearly seamless transition."

To identify possible concerns the Restationing Team and members of the Wiesbaden community have identified every demographic group affected by the move. The groups include single soldiers, NCOs and officers, married soldiers, dual military couples, single parents, civilian employees and family members.

"Once we identified all of the demographic groups we started looking at all of the possible issues that may arise because of the move," Darden said. "Of course, we know that we have not addressed every concern and we know that more concerns may surface, but we are taking a proactive stance."

The following is a partial list of the concerns the teams have identified:

☑ **Housing:** Wiesbaden has adequate housing available to accommodate all 1st AD families. The targeted goal is that all families will move into housing as good as, if not better than that in which they currently reside. The Wiesbaden community will not "set aside" housing for 1AD families.

☑ **Single soldiers housing:** Wiesbaden has adequate barracks space for all single soldiers.

☑ **Child care:** The 221st Base Support Battalion and the 104th ASG are taking an aggressive stance to ensure adequate day care. Currently the community is pursuing funding for construction of two prefabricated buildings that would accommodate most of the children currently enrolled

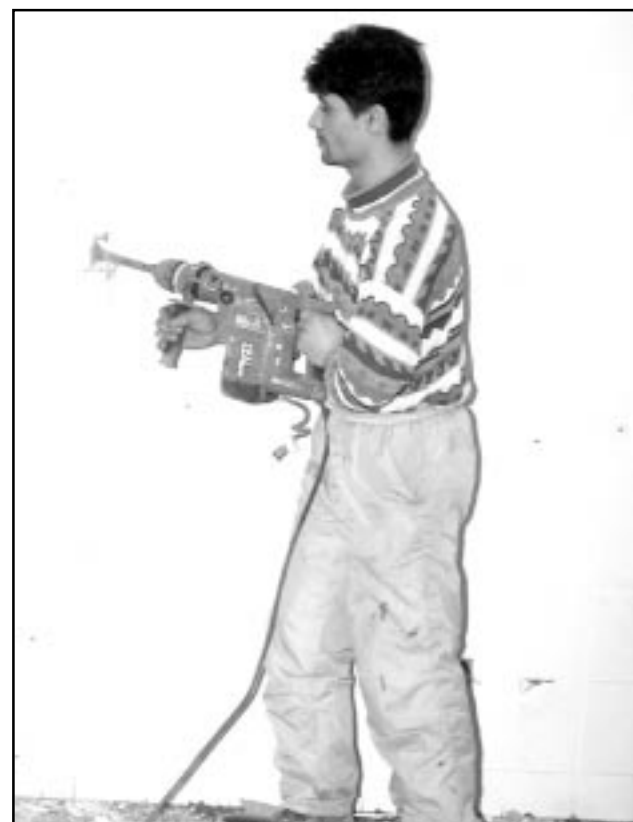


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A Wiesbaden construction worker tears out tiling in a wall in Building 1023W on Wiesbaden Army Airfield in preparation for the move of 1st Armored Division Headquarters from Bad Kreuznach to Wiesbaden this summer.

in day care centers in Wiesbaden and Bad Kreuznach. The Wiesbaden and Bad Kreuznach waiting lists for center-based care will be merged based on the date families were placed on the list and their priorities for day care. The 221st BSB is currently recruiting and training more Family Child Care providers in hopes of meeting the child care needs.

☑ **Schools:** The 221st BSB does not anticipate much change in the schools. Class sizes are not expected to increase at any grade level.

☑ **Medical care:** The Wiesbaden community has an excellent relationship with civilian health care providers. In cases where appointments are not readily available, the clinic refers patients to civilian health care professionals. This will offset the need to assign additional doctors to the Wiesbaden community.

☑ **Disseminating restationing information:** The latest information and timelines for the move will be disseminated through several channels to ensure that all community members have access. The *Herald Union* will feature up-to-date restationing information in each issue. Those with Internet

access can also find the most current information on the 1st Armored Division's website, [www.1ad.army.mil](http://www.1ad.army.mil); the 221st BSB website, [www.wiesbaden.army.mil](http://www.wiesbaden.army.mil); and the 104th ASG website, [www.104thasg.hanau.army.mil](http://www.104thasg.hanau.army.mil).

In addition information will be put out through unit leaders, Town Hall Meetings, family support group leaders, AFN radio and television news

spots, the *Ironsides* and *The Stars and Stripes*.

"Our goal is to continuously inform soldiers, civilians and family members in order to lower the anxiety level of both communities concerning the move," Darden said. "We already know that the installation and facilities will be in better shape than they are now. We're all looking forward to the move and to working to make Wiesbaden an even better community."

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## Toys for Tots: a BSB success story

By Sheila R. Garrett

414th Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

The holiday season is a time for sharing, caring and most of all it's a time for giving. Sometimes the real meaning of the holidays is forgotten as we push, shove and fight our way through the PX trying to find that perfect gift. In the 414th Base Support Battalion, however, the spirit of the season was not lost in the bustle. The second annual U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program experienced greater success than last year, putting smiles on the faces of approximately 422 children in the community. Approximately 25 volunteers put out collection boxes, picked up, wrapped and distributed toys.

"The 5-7th Air Defense Artillery unit on Grossauheim also gave a ton of toys, thanks to a unit toy drive conducted by Michelle Wiernicki," said Capt. Daryl Collins, Toys for

Tots Hanau program director. "The unit donated a total of 150 toys."

"I think this one of the best charitable organizations there is and we [as a unit] were happy to participate," said Capt. Alan A. Wiernicki, 5-7th ADA. "My wife read about the program in the *Herald Union* and thought it would be good if we contributed. She put the boxes out in the 5-7th area and got the word out about the program," he said. "Everyone in the battalion was extremely giving."

Toys were collected for the program from Dec. 1-22. "Every toy has to be inventoried and the list turned into the Toys for Tots headquar-

ters," said Collins. "It is a lot of work, but it is a worthwhile cause."

### Private organizations lend a helping hand

The local Hanau Community Spouses Club, whose members include spouses of Department of Defense civilian service employees as well as service members, donated \$2,066 to Toys for Tots.

"We bought 186 toys and stocking stuffers and 100 gift certificates for older kids," said Christina Brown, HCSC welfare treasurer.

"This is a worthwhile program and the HCSC's goal is to make a difference in the community. And that is exactly what this program does," Brown said.

"If it wasn't for the HCSC we would not have had as many toys as we did," Collins said, speaking about 1999 and 2000 collection results.

Brown, who also volunteered her time to wrap a portion of the over 850 toys said, "I've had fun shopping and wrapping."

Another organization that donated \$300 worth of toys was the Ashlar No. 894 Masonic Lodge. "We are a lodge from Hanau, but we hold our meetings in Offenbach," T.J. Suarez, lodge members said. "We try to donate to any and all charitable events which we find worthwhile. Children are of course tops on our list."

Suarez heard about the program through advertisements and word-of-mouth in the community and spoke with his fellow lodge members about donating to the Toys for

Tots program.

"We get involved with as many events as we can," Suarez said. "We have also supported the Hanau High School scholarship program. Two years ago we purchased and distributed approximately 40 Christmas food baskets, several years we supported the 414th D.A.R.E. program and we co-sponsored the purchasing of Christmas gifts for children in three German orphanages," Suarez said.

Suarez said the lodge is interested in becoming more involved in the community. "We will support any community or other charitable event, which we find to be in need of support if we are aware of it or if we are asked."

Distribution day, Dec. 21, brought surprised smiles to the faces of many unit representatives. "This is great," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Sharon Barrett, 1-501st Aviation Regiment. "I just wasn't expecting this many toys."

"The volume of toys increased this year, therefore the number of kids we were able to reach through the program increased," Collins said. "The success was due to the organizations which donated time and toys, and to the volunteers who gave their time unselfishly," Collins said.

Collins, who became involved with the program as a volunteer at Fort Stewart, saw a need in the 414th BSB. He contacted the Toys for Tots headquarters and brought the program to Hanau.

"Other communities can bring the program to their areas by contacting the Toys for Tots Foundation. The foundation has a website, so it is best to get online and email the coordinator, Maj. Bill Murray," Collins explained. "The key is to have the support of the BSB commander, because without their support it will be hard to run the pro-



Photo by Sheila R. Garrett

Pfc. Jeanine O'Guinn and Pfc. Jessica Brasch, 127th Military Police Company, pick up toys for children of soldiers in their unit. "I think this is wonderful; there are so many and they are so nicely wrapped," Brasch said.

gram effectively," Collins said. "Lt. Col. Santala has been very supportive of the program and has contributed to our success because he, and in turn his staff, supports it," he said.

Collins and wife, Gina, who ran the program with fewer volunteers last year, said they are searching for someone to head up the program next year. "We are looking for someone to run the program because we will be leaving the community next year," he said. Collins said he would mentor any person or organization wishing to run the program next year. "There is a need in the community for the program, and I would like to see it continue."

Individuals or organizations interested in the Toys for Tots program may contact Collins at mil 322-7722 or civ (06183) 50722.

### Special thanks

The 414th Base Support Battalion command section sent special thanks to all of the volunteers, especially Collins, who contributed their time and effort to make Toys for Tots possible.

Thank you to those business who contributed goods and services to the Toys for Tots program including the Hanau Commissary, AAFES Main Exchange, 414th BSB Security and Operations division, Ashlar No. 894 Masonic Lodge, Hanau Community Spouses Club and 414th BSB Housing Division. Special thanks to those volunteers who took time out of their busy holiday schedules to spread a little joy to other homes in the community — your time and efforts really made a difference this holiday season.

## \$ Excellence in Service \$

When you visit any service organization in the 414th BSB — and they provide excellent service — give them a customer service buck! You can get your bucks at any business or military service department in the 414th BSB area, which includes Büdingen, Hanau, Gelnhausen and Erlensee. **GIVE YOUR BUCKS WISELY** because when you give the buck you are casting your ballot for the organization to win the honor of being named the top customer service organization of the quarter! **SO place your VOTE! IT WILL COUNT!**

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3. Use the commander's Open Door Policy to voice your concerns. Call for an appointment at mil 322-1500, civ (06181) 88-1500.

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## Team 16 shows off at December talent show

Comedy and poetry reading take top honors at 16th CSG competition

By Sheila R. Garrett  
414th Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

On Dec. 15 the 16th Corps Support Group held its second annual Talent Show at Pioneer Kaserne's movie theater. The show featured a variety of acts ranging from comedy to singing and poetry reading. Master of ceremonies for the competition was AFN disc jockey Steve German.

The competition was judged by five community members who graded performers on their originality, presentation, audience response and overall performance.

The one who took home the honor of being named best overall and winner of the individual talent competition was Sgt. Robert Walker, 485th Corps Support Battalion, support operator. Walker, who presented a comedy act titled "Keep it Real," won gift certificates for shopping and traveling, a savings bond and trophy for his efforts.

"I wasn't originally going to be

in the competition," Walker said. "I was just going to do a little intermission skit, but after some of the people in the unit saw my rehearsals they said maybe I should enter and compete," Walker said.

"It was something I had thought about doing, but I just never had the courage to get up at an amateur night and do my own stuff," he said.

### Funny from all angles

Walker who came out in costume with false buckteeth, mismatched argyle socks and fake chest hair hanging out of his shirt, said his inspiration came from movies and other comedians. "I got the chest hair idea from Austin Powers," Walker said, "Every time I see that movie it just cracks me up."

### Amateur to professional

Walker, originally from Toledo, Ohio, said he might be interested in sending his tape to amateur talent scouts. "I have had friends tell me to send the tape in to an amateur comedy show, but I will have to look at it first. I mean, what do I have to lose," Walker said.

The second place award went to

Sgt. Sylvia Bennett, 485th Corps Support Battalion, petroleum supply sergeant, who recited the poem titled, "Phenomenal Woman," by Maya Angelou.

Bennett walked on to the stage with confidence and finesse as she acted out, from memory, the poem that celebrates the form of a woman.

"I began memorizing the poem in November," Bennett said. "When I heard about the competition I challenged myself to get up and read the poem, because I have never done anything like it before."

### Practice makes perfect

"I practiced over and over again on my buddies, and Sgt. Walker helped me out a lot," she said.

Bennett, originally from Ocala, Florida, said she was surprised at her second place individual and second place overall finish.

"I was so surprised that I won second because there really was a lot of talent up there [on stage], so it was a shocker when they called my name," she said.

Bennett also won gift certificates

from community organizations and a savings bond.

The competition also included a group category with the top spot going to hard-rock musical group Grieve, featuring Sgt. Lori Kruse, Sgt. Jason Wolfe, Spc. John Morton and George Kruse.

The second place award in the group category went to Bow Wow and the Pound Puppies, featuring Staff Sgt. Donine Watson, Pfc. Toya Campbell, Pvt. Kato Beaudoin and Ericko Borrero.



Photo by Sheila R. Garrett

Sgt. Robert Walker tells the talent show audience to just "Keep it Real."

## Around the community

### Five Pfennig Theater hosts "Play Ball"

Enjoy a 75-minute show about baseball with songs, skits and selections from Broadway shows. Performances at the Five Pfennig Dinner Theater, Old Argonner Kaserne will be Jan. 25-26 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale for \$15 for box seats, \$14 for mezzanine seats, \$12 for bleachers and are available at Outdoor Recreation and Wolfgang Music Center.

### OCS board

Soldiers interested in submitting a packet for the Officer Candidate School board must turn their packets into the 414th Base Support Battalion Personnel Advisory Center by Jan. 25. For details contact Sgt. Mike Reynolds at mil 322-8144 or civ (06181)88-8144.

### Hanau Commissary to be renovated

The Hanau Commissary will be going through some minor renovations, which will relocate some of the frozen foods and dry groceries. The renovations begin Monday, Jan. 15 and will be completed by Feb. 14. For detail on the upgrades call Phil Ruiz,

store director, at mil 322-8323 or civ (06181)574091.

### Winter weather info

For a daily update on road and weather conditions in the Hanau, Büdingen and Gelnhausen area, call the 414th BSB Provost Marshal's Office at mil 322-8661 or civ (06181)88-8661.

### 102nd Signal Day

Feb. 23 has been declared 102nd Signal Welcome to the 414th BSB Day. On this day the BSB will host approximately 30 personnel from the 102nd Signal Battalion who will be relocating to the BSB in the month of March.

### Congratulations 26th Quartermaster SSA

Congratulations to the 26th Quartermaster Supply Support Activity for being named the best SSA in U.S. Army Europe. The 26th Quartermaster Supply Support Activity will compete for the Department of the Army title following an inspection in late January. "Leadership and teamwork is what I attribute our success too," said 1st Lt. James Moten, 26th QM SSA accountable officer. "We have a never quit attitude and I would like to thank the soldiers and leaders for their hard work—it has really paid off."

## Army Family Action Plan Conference

Jan. 23-24 is the time to voice your community concerns

By Sheila R. Garrett

414th Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

If there are changes you want to see made within your military community, but you are unsure where to turn—it is time to let your voice be heard during the Army Family Action Plan Conference Jan. 23-24 at the International Club on Fliegerhorst Kaserne.

"This type of conference is held in each Army community," said Dwain Matthews, Army Family Action Plan conference coordinator. "The conference is designed to bring forth those issues that are important to residents which they see need to be improved," Matthews said.

Matthews said there are predetermined topics which will be addressed. "We will have panels discussing commercial support, family support, medical support, housing, single soldier issues and youth issues," Matthews said. "Delegates are being sought out now; we need volunteers. Anyone can volunteer to be a delegate. We need a variety including single soldiers, commanders, spouses. Those interested in volunteering to be a delegate should contact Army Community Service."

Matthews said that for those unable to attend the conference, there is the option of filling out an issue card. "There are collection boxes with issue card forms sitting by them at various locations in the area. There is a box at each Community Mail Room," Matthews said.

"Anyone who has a valid issue should complete the issue card and place it in the collection box. The issue cards will be given to the panel that will be addressing that particular subject," he said. "Everyone's issues will be addressed. It is a chance for your voice to be heard."

Matthews said the results of the conference will involve the resolution of some issues at the BSB level and some will need to be forwarded on to the area support group command team, and from there possibly to USAREUR or DA.

"Part of the job of this year's delegates is to address the issues raised from last year and determine what actions are being taken to close the issue. Sometimes it takes

years to see results because, for instance, issues that go to DA are sometimes in need of action from Congress."

"I was a delegate last year and I enjoyed it because we were able to discuss key community issues," said Cindy Brown, military family member. "We not only came up with issues, but we also came up with solutions on how senior leadership can address the issues."

Brown said the effort she exerted being a delegate was time and energy well spent.

"I have participated in the AFAP conference five or six times and I can tell you that this is the chance for our individual voices to be heard. And the great thing that we can all take comfort in is that someone is listening to us."

The AFAP conference is an open forum, public event and there is no admission fee. For more information on the conference call Dwain Matthews at mil 322-9360 or civ (06181)88-9360. To submit an electronic issue and problem solution surf to the 414th BSB area website at [www.hanau.army.mil](http://www.hanau.army.mil) and click on AFAP.

**"I can tell you that this is the chance for our individual voices to be heard." — Cindy Brown**





# Bulletin board

## At the movies Jan. 9-25

### Bad Kreuznach, Rose

Jan. 9 — Proof Of Life (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 10 — Meet The Parents (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 11 — Pay It Forward (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 12-13 — What Women Want (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 16 — What Women Want (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 17-18 — Gladiator (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 19-20 — Miss Congeniality (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 23 — The Contender (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 24 — Woman On Top (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 25 — Gladiator (R) 7 p.m.

### Baumholder, Wagon Wheel

Jan. 9 — Proof Of Life (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 10 — Billy Elliot (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 11 — Pay It Forward (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 12-14 — What Women Want (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 15-16 — Dr. T & The Women (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 17-18 — Book Of Shadows, Blair Witch 2 (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 19-21 — Miss Congeniality (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 22-23 — Lucky Numbers (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 24-25 — The Contender (R) 7 p.m.

### Büdingen, Little

Jan. 12 — The Exorcist (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 13 — Ladies Man (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 19 — Pay It Forward (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 20 — The Little Vampire (PG) 7 p.m.

### Dexheim, Rhein

Jan. 10 — What Women Want (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 12 — Pay It Forward (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 17 — Miss Congeniality (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 19 — Book Of Shadows, Blair Witch 2 (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 24 — Cast Away (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Friedberg, Old Ironsides

Jan. 11 — Pay It Forward (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 12 — Meet The Parents (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 13 — Unbreakable (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 14 — Book Of Shadows, Blair Witch 2 (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 18 — Dr. T & The Women (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 19 — Lucky Numbers (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 20 — Vertical Limit (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 21 — Proof Of Life (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 25 — Ladies Man (R) 7 p.m.

### Giessen, Skyline

Jan. 9-10 — 102 Dalmatians (G) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 12 — Dr. T & The Women (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 13 — Book Of Shadows, Blair Witch 2 (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 14 — The Original Kings Of Comedy (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 16-17 — Unbreakable (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 19 — The Contender (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 20 — Woman On Top (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 21 — Lucky Numbers (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 23 — Proof Of Life (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 24 — Vertical Limit (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Hanau, Evening Star

Jan. 9 — Meet The Parents (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 10 — Pay It Forward (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 11 — The Little Vampire (PG) 7 p.m.

**Movies and times subject to change by local theaters. For the the most up-to-date schedule visit the ASG's website (see address below).**



Mel Gibson gets an inside look at the feminine mystique in *What Women Want*.

Jan. 12 — Cast Away (PG-13) 7 p.m. Book Of Shadows, Blair Witch 2 (R) 9:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 13 — Cast Away (PG-13) 7 p.m. Dr. T & The Women (R) 9:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 14 — Cast Away (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 15 — Bedazzled (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 16 — Dr. T & The Women (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 17 — Bedazzled (PG-13) 8 p.m.  
 Jan. 19 — Thirteen Days (PG-13) 7 p.m. Lucky Numbers (R) 9:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 20 — Thirteen Days (PG-13) 7 p.m. The Contender (R) 9:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 21 — Thirteen Days (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 22 — Woman On Top (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 23 — Lucky Numbers (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 24 — The Contender (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 25 — Woman On Top (R) 7 p.m.

### Rhein Main, Gardens

Jan. 10 — Miss Congeniality (PG-13) 8 p.m.  
 Jan. 12 — Bedazzled (PG-13) 7 p.m. Book Of Shadows, Blair Witch 2 (R) 9:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 13 — Dr. T & The Women (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 14 — Vertical Limit (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 17 — Cast Away (PG-13) 8 p.m.  
 Jan. 19 — What Women Want (PG-13) 7 p.m. Get Carter (R) 9:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 20 — The Contender (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 21 — Nurse Betty (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 24 — Thirteen Days (PG-13) 8 p.m.

### Wackernheim, McCully

Jan. 10 — Lost Souls (R) 7 p.m.

Jan. 17 — Dr. T & The Women (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 24 — Book Of Shadows, Blair Witch 2 (R) 7 p.m.

### Wiesbaden, Flyers

Jan. 12 — Pay It Forward (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 13 — The Little Vampire (PG) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 19 — Bedazzled (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 20 — Book Of Shadows, Blair Witch 2 (R) 7 p.m.

### Wiesbaden, Taunus

Jan. 9 — Ladies Man (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 10 — The Little Vampire (PG) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 11 — Meet The Parents (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 12 — Miss Congeniality (PG-13) 7 p.m. Meet The Parents (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 13 — Miss Congeniality (PG-13) 7 p.m. Pay It Forward (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 14-15 — Miss Congeniality (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 16 — Book Of Shadows, Blair Witch 2 (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 17 — Bedazzled (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 18 — Dr. T & The Women (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 19 — Cast Away (PG-13) 7 p.m. Book Of Shadows, Blair Witch 2 (R) 9:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 20 — Cast Away (PG-13) 7 p.m. Bedazzled (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 21-22 — Cast Away (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 23 — Book Of Shadows, Blair Witch 2 (R) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 24 — Bedazzled (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 25 — Dr. T & The Women (R) 7 p.m.

## Movie plots

**Miss Congeniality (PG-13)** — Gracie Hart (Sandra Bullock) has always dreamed of emulating the career of her mother, a highly esteemed FBI agent who died in the line of duty. When a terrorist threatens to bomb the Miss United States Pageant, the FBI rushes to find a female agent to go undercover as a contestant. Unfortunately, Gracie is the only agent who can "look the part" despite her complete lack of refinement and femininity.

**Cast Away (PG-13)** — Tom Hanks is Chuck Noland, a systems engineer whose personal and professional life are ruled by the clock. Chuck's job leaves little time for his girlfriend Kelly (Helen Hunt). Chuck's manic existence abruptly alters when he becomes stranded on a remote island.

**What Women Want (PG-13)** — Nick Marshall (Mel Gibson) is the ultimate man's man. Then one night in the privacy of his Rat Pack dream apartment, the hotshot advertising executive and self-proclaimed God's gift to women discovers he has another gift — being able to hear the innermost thoughts of every woman he encounters.

**Vertical Limit (PG-13)** — *Vertical Limit* is a high-adrenaline tale of young climber Peter Garrett (Chris O'Donnell) who must launch an extraordinary rescue effort up K2, the world's second highest peak. Peter risks his life to save his sister, Annie (Robin Tunney), and her summit team (Bill Paxton and Nicholas Lea).

**Proof Of Life (R)** — Peter Bowman (David Morse), an American engineer in a Latin American country, is kidnapped for a \$3 million ransom. Abandoned by her husband's employer and insurance company, his wife Alice (Meg Ryan) refuses to give up on his life. She enlists the aid of Terry Thorne (Russell Crowe), an expert in kidnap and ransom recovery.

**Billy Elliot (R)** — The life of 11-year-old Billy Elliot (Jamie Bell), a coal miner's son in Northern England, is forever changed one day when he stumbles upon a ballet class during his weekly boxing lesson. Before long, he finds himself in dance, demonstrating the kind of raw talent seldom seen by the class' exacting instructor, Mrs. Wilkinson (Julie Walters). But Billy must keep his participation in the class a secret from his widowed father (Gary Lewis).

## Birth announcements

**Michael Anthony Tate** — born Dec. 6 to Rosita and Pfc. Donald Tate of the 502nd Engineer Company, weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces.  
**Bryant Montgomery DeHaan** — born Dec. 6 to Stephanie and Spc. Mark DeHaan of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade, weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces.  
**Jordan Theodore-Lewis Puch** — born Dec. 7 to India and Sgt. Jeffrey Puch of 127th Aviation Support Battalion, weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces.  
**Jalon James Ellis** — born Dec. 11 to Angela and Sgt. 1st Class Larry Ellis of Company B, 127th Aviation Support Battalion, weighing 9 pounds, 12 ounces.  
**Matthew Robert Keeter** — born Dec. 12 to Denise and Capt. Robert Keeter of 2-501st Aviation Regiment weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces.  
**Caden James Hilt** — born Dec. 13 to Renee and Capt. Jeff Hilt, Battery D, 2-3rd Field Artillery, weighing 6

pounds, 13 ounces.  
**Justin Gregory Laramore** — born Dec. 14 to Vicky and Sgt. Kenneth Laramore of 2-3rd Field Artillery, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces.  
**Michael Steven Fowler** — born Dec. 15 to Melissa and Chief Warrant Officer 2 David Fowler of Company C, 1-501st Aviation Regiment, weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces.  
**Zavier Haven Gierisch** — born Dec. 16 to Jenny and Cpl. Shawn Gierisch of Company C, 1-501st Aviation Regiment, weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces.  
**Robert Lee Bartee** — born Dec. 18 to Dierdre and Master Sgt. Robert Bartee of 485th Corps Support Battalion, weighing 6 pounds, 5 ounces.  
**Vincenzo Cameron Holland** — born Dec. 18 to Spc. Amie Holland of 485th Corps Support Battalion, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces.  
**Jostein Markel Clarke** — born Dec. 21 to Staff Sgt. Susie Clarke of the Büdingen Health Clinic and Staff Sgt.

James Clarke of the Hanau Health Clinic, weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces.  
**Caleb Nicholas Frawley** — born Dec. 23 to Monique and Capt. Parker Frawley of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces.  
**John Andre GarciaGuerra** — born Dec. 25 to Elizabeth GuerraValencia and Spc. John Garcia of Company A, 127th Aviation Support Battalion, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces.  
**Aliya Jae Salcedo** — born Dec. 26 to Annette and Staff Sgt. Arturo Salcedo of 69th Chemical Company, weighing 8 pounds.  
**Elysia Marissa Valdez** — born Dec. 27 to Spc. Katrina Valdez of Headquarters Support Company, 127th Aviation Support Battalion, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces.  
**Conner Duncan Ambeault** — born Dec. 28 to Sarah and Sgt. Eric Ambeault, Troop A, 1-1st Cavalry, weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces.  
**Joshua Ryan Doerr** — born Dec. 28 to Sam-Ry and 1st Lt. Brian Doerr of the 39th Finance Battalion, weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces.



